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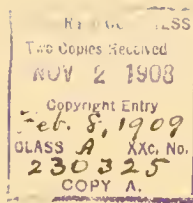
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PREFATORY NOTE.

By virtue of a Resolve of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey passed at Lakewood on the 22d day of February in the year 1906, a special Committee was appointed for the purpose of preparing and printing an excerpted, or rather condensed and digested copy of the proceedings of the Society from the date of its organization and first meeting on the 13th day of May, 1783, to and including the regular annual meeting of 1906.

The following named gentlemen composed the said committee: Henry Applegate Wilson, William Pancoast Barber, William Pennington and Charles Hornblower Woodruff, and at their request Wessel TenBroeck Stout Imlay, Secretary of the Society co-operated with them, rendering material assistance in the preparation of this book for the press.

It was thought advisable to undertake this work for several reasons, but chiefly because it is believed that an intimate knowledge of the transactions of the Society and the various proceedings which led up to them must be of deep interest to all members of this order, constituting as do these minutes the veritable history, not alone of the Society as such, but of the actions and sentiments of our forefathers in their representative characters as members of the order.

There is, then, a personal as well as an institutional value to a work like this, and it has been the object of the Committee to prepare a book which shall contain the spirit and truth of the proceedings of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey from its birth to the present day, freed from such matter as would by repetition and relative unimportance impede the study of the Society's doings during that period.

The main object to be attained by this publication is that every member of the Society may readily become acquainted with the history and proceedings and instructed in the principles and precedents, of the Cincinnati in New Jersey, to the end that he may feel closer bound unto this "Society of Friends" and, realizing that organizations of this nature should have a valuable present and future, as well as a distinguished past, joined in a proud brotherhood of endeavor so that our Order, prospering "from strength to strength," shall "endure" in the historic and patriotic sense as set forth in its honored Institution.

THE BEGINNING OF THE ORDER OF THE SOCIETY OF THE
CINCINNATI. CANTONMENT OF THE AMERICAN
ARMY, ON HUDSONS RIVER, 10TH MAY, 1783.

PROPOSALS for establishing a Society, upon principles therein mentioned, whose members shall be officers of the American Army, having been communicated to the several regiments of the respective lines, they appointed an officer from each, who, in conjunction with the general officers, should take the same into consideration, at their meeting this day, at which the honorable Major-General Baron de Steuben, the senior officer present, was pleased to preside. The proposals being read, fully considered, paragraph by paragraph, and the amendments agreed to, Major-general Knox, Brigadier-general Hand, Brigadier-general Huntington, and Captain Shaw; were chosen to revise the same, and prepare a copy to be laid before this assembly at their next meeting, to be holden at Major-general baron de Steuben's quarters, on Tuesday, the thirteenth instant.

TUESDAY, 13 MAY, 1783.

The representatives of the American army being assembled, agreeably to adjournment, the plan for establishing a Society, whereof the officers of the American Army are to be members, is accepted, and is as follows, viz.:

THE INSTITUTION.

"It having pleased the Supreme Governor of the universe, in the disposition of human affairs, to cause the separation of the colonies of North America from the domination of Great Britain, and after a bloody conflict of eight years, to establish them free, independent, and sovereign states, connected, by alliances founded on reciprocal advantage, with some of the great princes and powers of the earth.

"To perpetuate, therefore, as well the remembrance of this vast event, as the mutual friendships which have been formed under the pressure of common danger, and, in many instances, cemented by the blood of the parties, the officers of the American army do, hereby, in the most solemn manner, associate, constitute and combine themselves into one Society of Friends, to endure as long as they shall endure, or any of their eldest male posterity, and in failure thereof, the collateral branches who may be judged worthy of becoming its supporters and members.

"The officers of the American army having generally been taken from the citizens of America, possess high veneration for the character of that illustrious Roman, Lucius Quintius Cincinnatus, and being resolved to follow his example, by returning to their citizenship, they think they may with propriety denominate themselves, the Society of the Cincinnati.

"The following principles shall be immutable and form the basis of the Society of the Cincinnati.

"An incessant attention to preserve inviolate those exalted rights and liberties of human nature for which they have fought and bled, and without which the high rank of rational being is a curse instead of a blessing.

"An unalterable determination to promote and cherish, between the respective States, that union and national honor so essentially necessary to their happiness, and the future dignity of the American Empire.

"To render permanent the cordial affection subsisting among the officers: this spirit will dictate brotherly kindness in all things, and particularly, extend to the most substantial acts of beneficence, according to the ability of the society, towards those officers and their families, who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving it.

"The general society will, for the sake of frequent communications, be divided into state societies, and these again into such districts as shall be directed by the state society.

"The societies of the districts to meet as often as shall be agreed upon by the state society, those of the state on the fourth day of July annually or oftener if they shall find it expedient, and the general society on the first Monday in May, annually, as long as they deem it necessary, and afterwards, at least once in every three years.

"At each meeting, the principles of the institution will be fully considered, and the best measures to promote them adopted.

"The state societies will consist of all the members resident in each state respectively; and any member removing from one state to another, is to be considered in all respects, as belonging to the Society of the state in which he shall actually reside.

"The state societies to have a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and assistant treasurer to be chosen annually by a majority of votes at the state meeting.

"Each state meeting shall write annually, or oftener, if necessary, a circular letter, to the other state societies, noting whatever they may think worthy of observation, respecting the good of the society, or the general union of the states, and giving information of the officers chosen for the current year: copies of these letters shall be regularly transmitted to the Secretary-general of the Society, who will record them in a book to be assigned for that purpose.

"The state society will regulate everything respecting itself and the societies of its districts consistent with the general maxims of the Cincinnati, judge of the qualifications of the members who may be proposed, and expel any member who, by a conduct inconsistent with a gentleman and a man of honor, or by an opposition to the interest of the community in general, or the Society in particular, may render himself unworthy to continue a member.

"In order to form funds which may be respectable, and assist the unfortunate, each officer shall deliver to the treasurer of the state society, one month's pay, which shall remain forever to the use of the state society;

the interest only of which, if necessary, to be appropriated to the relief of the unfortunate.

“Donations may be made by persons not of the Society, and by members of the Society, for the express purpose of forming permanent funds for the use of the state society, and the interests of these donations appropriated in the same manner as that of the month's pay.

“Monies, at the pleasure of each member, may be subscribed in the societies of the districts, or the state societies, for the relief of the unfortunate members, or their widows and orphans, to be appropriated by the state society only.

“The meeting of the general society shall consist of its officers and a representation from each state society, in number not exceeding five, whose expenses shall be born by their respective state societies.

“In the general meeting, the president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, and assistant treasurer generals, shall be chosen, to serve until the next meeting.

“The circular letters which have been written by the respective state societies to each other, and their particular laws, shall be read and considered, and all measures concerted which may conduce to the general intendment of the society.

“It is probable that some persons may make donations to the general society, for the purpose of establishing funds for the further comfort of the unfortunate, in which case such donations must be placed in the hands of the treasurer-general, the interests only of which to be disposed of, if necessary, by the general meeting.

“All the officers of the American army, as well those who have resigned with honor, after three years service in the capacity of officers, or who have been deranged by the resolutions of Congress, upon the several reforms of the army, as those who shall have continued to the end of the war, have the right to become parties to this institution: provided that they subscribe one month's pay, and sign their names to the general rules, in their respective state societies, those who are present with the army immediately, and others within six months after the army shall be disbanded, extraordinary cases excepted; the rank, time of service, resolution of Congress by which any have been deranged, and place of residence, must be added to each name—and as a testimony of affection to the memory and the offspring of such officers as have died in the service, their eldest male branches shall have the same right of becoming members, as the children of the active members of the Society.

“Those officers who are foreigners, not resident in any of the states, will have their names enrolled by the secretary-general, and are to be considered as members in the societies of any of the states in which they may happen to be.

“And as there are, and will at all times be, men in the respective states eminent for their abilities and patriotism, whose views may be directed to the same laudable objects with those of the Cincinnati, it shall be a rule to admit such characters, as honorary members of the society, for their own

lives only; provided always, that the number of honorary members, in each state, does not exceed a ratio of one to four of the officers or their descendants.

"Each state society shall obtain a list of its members, and at the first annual meeting, the state secretary shall have engrossed on parchment, two copies of the institution of the society, which every member present shall sign, and the secretary shall endeavor to procure the signature of every absent member; one of those lists to be transmitted to the secretary-general, to be kept in the archives of the society, and the other to remain in the hands of the state secretary. From the state lists, the secretary-general must make out, at the first general meeting, a complete list of the whole society, with a copy of which he will furnish each state secretary.

"The society shall have an Order, by which its members shall be known and distinguished, which shall be a medal of gold, of a proper size to receive the emblems, and suspended by a deep blue ribbon two inches wide, edged with white, descriptive of the union of FRANCE and AMERICA, viz.

"The principal figure

CINCINNATUS

Three senators presenting him with a sword and other military ensigns—
on a field in the background, his wife standing at the door
of their cottage—near it plough and instru-
ments of husbandry,

Round the whole

Omnia reliquit servare Rempublicam

On the reverse,

Sun rising—a city with open gates, and vessels entering the port—FAME
crowning CINCINNATUS;
with a wreath inscribed
VIRTUTIS PRAEMIUM

Below

Hands joined, supporting a heart;
with the motto
ESTO PERPETUA

Round the whole

SOCIETAS CINCINNATORUM INSTITUTA.

A. D. 1783."

The Society, deeply impressed with a sense of the generous assistance this country has received from France, and desirous of perpetuating the friendships which have been formed, and so happily subsisted, between the officers of the allied forces, in the prosecution of the war; direct that the president-general transmit, as soon as may be, to each of the characters hereafter named, a medal, containing the order of the Society, viz.:

His Excellency the Chevalier de la Luzerne, Minister Plenipotentiary,

His Excellency the Sieur Gerard, late Minister Plenipotentiary,
Their Excellencies—the Count de Estaing, the Count de Grasse, the
Count de Barras, the Chevalier de Touches,
Admirals and commanders in the navy,

His Excellency the Count de Rochambeau, Commander-in-Chief,
and the Generals and Colonels of his army, and acquaint them, that the
Society does itself the honor to consider them members.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the foregoing institution be given to the
senior officer of each state line, and that the officers of the respective state
lines sign their names to the same in manner and form following, viz.,

We, the subscribers, officers of the American army, do hereby voluntarily
become parties to the foregoing institution, and do bind ourselves to observe,
and be governed by, the principles therein contained—for the performance
whereof we do solemnly pledge to each other our sacred honor.
Done in the cantonment, on Hudsons River, in the year 1783.

That the members of the society, at the time of subscribing their names to
the institution, do also sign a draft on the paymaster-general, in the following
terms (the regiments to do it regimentally, and the generals, and other officers
not belonging to regiments, each for himself, individually) viz.,

“To JOHN PEIRCE, Esquire, Pay-master-general to the Army of the United
States,

SIR

Please to pay to treasurer for the
State Association of the Cincinnati, or his order, one month's pay of
our several grades respectively, and deduct the same from the balance which
shall be found due to us on the final liquidation of our accounts; for which
this shall be your warrant.”

That the members of the several state societies assemble as soon as may
be, for the choice of their president and other officers, and that the presidents
correspond together, and appoint a meeting of the officers who may be chosen
for each state, in order to pursue such further measures as may be judged
necessary.

That the general officers, and the officers delegated to represent the
several corps of the army, subscribe to the institution of the general society,
for themselves and their constituents, in the manner and form before prescribed.

That General Heath, General Baron de Steuben, and General Knox,
be a committee to wait on his Excellency the commander-in-chief, with a
copy of the institution, and request him to honor the Society by placing
his name at the head of it.

That major-general Heath, second in command in this army, be, and
hereby is, desired to transmit copies of the institution, with the proceedings
thereon, to the commanding officer of the southern army, the senior officer
in each state, from Pennsylvania to Georgia inclusive, and to the commanding
officer of the Rhode Island line, requesting them to communicate the same
to the officers under their several commands, and to take such measures as

may appear to them necessary for expediting the establishment of their state societies, and sending a delegation to represent them in the first general meeting, to be holden on the first Monday in May, 1784.

The meeting then adjourned without day.

Sept. 23rd, 1783.

"The Honorable General Dayton, the Honorable Colonel Brearley, Colonel Cumming, Captain Ogden, and Captain Dayton, were appointed to represent the state society at the next general meeting of the Cincinnati."

1784.

The gentlemen appointed to attend the meeting of the General Society laid before this Society a circular letter addressed to the state societies together with the institution as altered and amended, which were ordered to be read and are as follows:

(CIRCULAR)

TO THE STATE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI,
in

GENTLEMEN:

We, the delegates of the Cincinnati, after the most mature and deliberate discussion of the principles and objects of our society, have thought proper to recommend that the enclosed institution of the society of the Cincinnati, as altered and amended at their first meeting, should be adopted by your state society.

In order that our conduct on this occasion, may stand approved in the eyes of the world; that we may not incur the imputation of obstinacy, on the one hand, or levity on the other; and that you may be induced more cheerfully to comply with our recommendation, we beg leave to communicate the reasons on which we have acted.

Previous to our laying them before you, we hold it a duty to ourselves and to our fellow citizens to declare, and we call heaven to witness the veracity of our declaration, that, in our whole agency on this subject, we have been actuated by the purest principles; notwithstanding we are thus conscious for ourselves of the rectitude of our intentions in instituting or becoming members of this fraternity; and notwithstanding we are confident the highest evidence can be produced from your past, and will be given by your future behavior, that you could not have been influenced by any other motives than those of friendship, patriotism and benevolence; yet as our designs in some respects have been misapprehended; as the instrument of our association was, of necessity, drawn up in a hasty manner, at an epoch as extraordinary as it will be memorable in the annals of mankind when the mind, agitated by variety of emotions, was not at liberty to attend minutely to every circumstance which respected our social connection, or to digest our ideas into so correct a form as could have been wished; as the original institution appeared, in the opinion of many respectable characters, to have comprehended objects which are deemed incompatible with the genius and spirit of the confederation and as, in this case, it would eventually frustrate our purposes, and be productive of con-

sequences which we had not foreseen—therefore, to remove every cause of inquietude; to annihilate every source of jealousy; to designate explicitly the ground on which we wish to stand; and to give one more proof, that the late officers of the American army have a claim to be reckoned among the most faithful citizens, we have agreed, that the following material alterations and amendments should take place; that the hereditary succession should be abolished; that all interference with political subjects should be done away; and that the funds should be placed under the immediate cognizance of the several legislatures, who should also be requested to grant charters for more effectually carrying our humane designs into execution.

In giving our reasons for the alteration in the first article, we must ask your indulgence while we recall your attention to the original occasion which induced us to form ourselves into a society of friends. Having lived in the strictest habits of amity, through the various stages of a war, unparalleled in many of its circumstances; having seen the objects, for which we contended, happily attained; in the moment of triumph and separation, when we were about to act the last pleasing, melancholy scene in our military drama; pleasing because we were to leave our Country possessed of independence and peace; melancholy, because we were to part, perhaps, never to meet again; while every breast was penetrated with feelings, which can be more easily conceived than described; while every little act of tenderness recurred fresh to the recollection,—it was impossible not to wish our friendships should be continued; it was extremely natural to desire they might be perpetuated by our posterity, to the remotest ages. With these impressions and with such sentiments we candidly confess we signed the institution. We know our motives were irreproachable; but finding it apprehended by many of our countrymen, that this would be drawing an unjustifiable line of discrimination between our descendents and the rest of the community, and averse to the creation of unnecessary and displeasing distinctions, we could not hesitate to relinquish everything but our personal friendships, of which we cannot be divested, and those acts of beneficence, which, it is our intention, should flow from them.

With views equally pure and disinterested, we proposed to use our collective influence in support of that government, and confirmation of that union, the establishment of which had engaged so considerable a part of our lives. But, learning from a variety of information, that this is deemed an officious and improper interference and that, if we are not charged with having sinister designs, yet we are accused of arrogating too much, and assuming the guardianship of the liberties of our country; thus circumstanced, we could not think of opposing ourselves to the concurring opinions of our fellow citizens, however founded, or of giving anxiety to those whose happiness it is our interest and duty to promote.

We come next to speak of the charitable part of our institution which we esteem, the basis of it. By placing your fund in the hands of the legislature of your State, and letting them see the application is to the best purposes, you demonstrate the integrity of your actions, as well as the rectitude of your principles. And having convinced them your intentions

are only of a friendly and benevolent nature, we are induced to believe they will patronize a design which they cannot but approve; and that they will foster the good dispositions and encourage the beneficent acts of those, who are disposed to make use of the most effectual and most unexceptional mode of relieving the distressed. For this purpose, it is to be hoped that charters may be obtained in consequence of the applications which are directed to be made. It is also judged most proper that the admission of members should be submitted to the regulation of such charters; because, by thus acting in conformity to the sentiments of government, we not only give another instance of our reliance upon it, but of our disposition to remove every source of uneasiness respecting our Society.

We trust it has not escaped your attention, gentlemen that the only objects of which we are desirous to preserve the remembrance, are of such a nature, as cannot be displeasing to our countrymen, or unprofitable to posterity; we have retained, accordingly, those devices, which recognize the manner of returning to our citizenship; not as ostentatious marks of discrimination, but as pledges of our friendship, and emblems, whose appearance will never permit us to deviate from the path of virtue. And, we presume, in this place, it may not be inexpedient to inform you, that these are considered as the most endearing tokens of friendship, and held in the highest estimation by such of our allies as have become entitled to them, by having contributed their personal services to the establishment of our independence; that these gentlemen, who are among the first in rank and reputation, have been permitted, by their Sovereign, to hold this grateful memorial of our reciprocal affections; and this fraternal intercourse is viewed, by that illustrious monarch, and other distinguished characters, as no small additional cement to that harmony and reciprocation of good offices, which so happily prevail between the two nations.

Having now relinquished whatever has been found objectionable in our original institution; having, by the deference thus paid to the prevailing sentiments of the community, neither, as we conceive, lessened the dignity nor diminished the consistency of character, which it is our ambition to support, in the eyes of the present, as well as future, generations; having thus removed every possible objection to our remaining connected as a Society, and cherishing our mutual friendships to the close of life; and having, as we flatter ourselves, retained in its utmost latitude, and placed upon a more certain and permanent foundation, that primary article of our association which respects the unfortunate. On these two great original pillars, Friendship and Charity, we rest our institution, and we appeal to your liberality, patriotism, and magnanimity—to your conduct on every other occasion, as well as to the purity of your intentions on the present, for the ratification of our proceedings. At the same time, we are happy in expressing a full confidence in the candor, justice and integrity of the public, that the institution, as now altered and amended, will be perfectly satisfactory, and that acts of legislative authority will soon be passed, to give efficacy to your benevolence.

Before we conclude this address, permit us to add, that the cultivation of that amity we profess, and the extension of this charity we flatter ourselves, will be objects of sufficient importance to prevent a relaxation in the prosecution of them. To diffuse comfort and support to any of our unfortunate companions, who have seen better days, and merited a milder fate—to wipe the tear from the eye of the widow, who must have been consigned, with her helpless infants, to indigence and wretchedness, but for this charitable institution—to succor the fatherless—to rescue the female orphan from destruction; to enable the son to emulate the virtues of his father, will be no unpleasing task; it will communicate happiness to others, while it increases our own; it will cheer our solitary reflections, and sooth our latest moments. Let us then prosecute with ardor, what we have instituted in sincerity; let Heaven and our own consciences approve our conduct; let our actions be the best comment on our words; and let us leave a lesson to posterity, that the glory of soldiers cannot be completed, without acting well the part of citizens.

Signed by order,

G. WASHINGTON,
President.

Philadelphia, May 15th, 1784.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI AS ALTERED AND AMENDED AT THEIR FIRST GENERAL MEETING.

It having pleased the Supreme Governor of the universe to give success to the arms of our country, and to establish the United States free and independent; therefore, gratefully to commemorate this event; to inculcate to the latest ages the duty of laying down, in peace, arms assumed for public defence, by forming an institution which recognizes that most important principle; to continue the mutual friendships which commenced under the pressure of common danger; and to effectuate the act of beneficence, dictated by the spirit of brotherly kindness, towards those officers and their families who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving them,—the officers of the American army do hereby constitute themselves into a society of Friends; and possessing the highest veneration for the character of that illustrious Roman, Lucius Quintius Cincinnatus, denominate themselves The Society of the Cincinnati.

Sec. I. The persons who constitute this Society are all the commissioned and brevet officers of the army and navy of the United States, who have served three years, and who left the service with reputation; all officers who were in actual service at the conclusion of the war; all the principal staff officers of the Continental army, and the officers who have been deranged by the several resolutions of Congress, upon the different reforms of the army.

Sec. II. There are also admitted into this society, the late and present ministers of his most christian majesty to the United States; all the generals

and colonels of regiments and legions of the land forces; all the admirals and captains of the navy, ranking as colonels, who have co-operated with the armies of the United States, in their exertions for liberty; and such other persons as have been admitted by the respective state meetings.

Sec. III. The Society shall have a president, vice-president, secretary, and assistant secretary.

Sec. IV. There shall be a meeting of the society, at least once in three years, on the first Monday in May, at such place as the president shall appoint. The said meeting shall consist of the aforesaid officers (whose expenses shall be equally borne by the state funds) and a representation from each state. The business of this general meeting shall be, to regulate the distribution of surplus funds; to appoint officers for the ensuing term and to conform the by-laws of the state meetings to the general objects of the institution.

Section V. The Society shall be divided into state meetings, each meeting shall have a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively, to be chosen by a majority of votes annually.

Section VI. The state meetings shall be on the anniversary of independence. They shall concert such measures as may conduce to the benevolent purposes of the society; and the several state meetings shall, at suitable periods make application to their respective legislatures for grants of charters.

Sec. VII. Any member removing from one state to another, is to be considered, in all respects, as belonging to the meeting of the state in which he shall actually reside.

Section VIII. The state meeting shall judge of the qualifications of its members; admonish, and, if necessary, expel anyone who may conduct himself unworthy.

Sec. IX. The secretary of each state meeting shall register the names of the members resident in each state, and transmit a copy thereof to the secretary of the society.

Sec. X. In order to form funds for the relief of unfortunate members, their widows and orphans, each officer shall deliver to the treasurer of the state meeting one month's pay.

Sec. XI. No donations shall be received, but from citizens of the United States.

Sec. XII. The funds of each state meeting shall be loaned to the state by permission of the legislature and the interest only, annually, to be applied for the purposes of the Society; and, if, in process of time, difficulties should occur in executing the intentions of the Society, the legislatures of the several states shall be requested to make such equitable dispositions, as may be most correspondent with the original design of the institution.

Section XIII. The subjects of his most christian majesty, members of this society, may hold meetings at their pleasure, and form regulations for their policy, conformably to the objects of the institute and to the spirit of their government.

The Society shall have an Order, which shall be, a bald eagle of gold bearing on its breast the emblems, hereafter described suspended by a deep

blue ribbon edged with white descriptive of the Arms of America and France.

The principal figure

CINCINNATUS.

Three Senators presenting him with a sword and other military ensigns—on a field in the background, his wife standing at the door of their cottage; near it a plough and other implements of husbandry

Round the Whole,

Omnia Reliquit Servare Rempublicam.

On the Reverse,

Sun Rising—a city with open gates and vessels entering the port—FAME
CROWNING CINCINNATUS WITH A WREATH INSCRIBED
Virtutis praeium.

Below,

Hands joined, supporting a
heart; with the motto
Esto Perpetua

Round the whole

SOCIETAS CINCINNATORUM INSTITUTA

A. D. 1783.

Sec. XV. A silver medal, representing the emblems, to be given to each member of the Society, together with a diploma on parchment, whereon shall be impressed the figures of the order and medal as above mentioned.

After hearing the alterations and amendments of the institution, the Society went into the consideration of the same. A motion was made and seconded for appointing a committee to examine into and report upon the circular letter addressed by the general society, at our next meeting.

Mr. Boudinot, Major Bloomfield, Major Howell, Mr. Frelinghuysen, and General Ogden were appointed a committee for the above purpose..

1785. The Committee appointed to examine into and report upon the circular letter addressed by the general society made their report in the words following.

That they have carefully examined the letter referred to them and have paid particular attention to the material alterations recommended to the state societies which appear to be

1st. The entire abolition of the hereditary succession.

2nd. The renouncing all interference with political subjects as an object of the Society's attention.

3d. The placing of the funds under the immediate cognizance of the legislature, who should be requested to grant a charter for the more effectually carrying on humane designs into execution. Your committee have deliberately considered the several reasons assigned for the alterations recommended in the said letter, and although they do sincerely lament the mistaken,

unreasonable and false jealousies that have prevailed among their fellow citizens relative to a plan for cementing and preserving that love and affection originally founded in our common danger, promoted by our mutual wants and dependence, and often sealed with our blood; a plan so clearly founded on the most natural and rational friendship, calculated to confirm those humane and benevolent principles arising from the love of our country, and an ardent desire to encourage posterity to support and defend that liberty which we have purchased at so high a price. Yet your Committee on a full consideration of all circumstances, and being convinced of the prudence and necessity of taking things as they are and not as they wish them to be, are constrained to recommend to the Society one more sacrifice to the shrine of liberty and peace of our fellow citizens.

The happiness and welfare of our country assailed by a powerful and warlike nation first led us to risk life, property, and every domestic comfort, in the common cause. What has been gained by our blood should not be again endangered by trifles. The satisfaction and ease of our fellow citizens, however, unreasonable their disquietude, demand the self-denying act; and therefore your committee do recommend a compliance with the first recommendation of the general society.

As to the 2nd—hard indeed it is that those who have shared so largely in the risk and expense of rearing the political fabric should be now debarred from being solicitously careful as a society for its support and preservation; especially when so little system appears in the measures taken for the valuable end. But your committee being fully sensible that a compliance with this article can only affect us as a society, and not as individual citizens, for though our love to our country may lead us even to an unreasonable sacrifice as a society, yet we individually remain citizens-at-large, and cannot as such be deprived of an active part in the political exertions necessary for preserving in purity the constitution that has been founded in so much wisdom and disinterested patriotism; they do therefore recommend that the society, under these circumstances, should also conform to this article of recommendation.

The last recommendation your committee more cheerfully report upon to the society.

They cannot but approve of every constitutional check that can be required by their fellow-citizens.

The people have a right by their representatives to the knowledge of every political body within the state; and being perfectly satisfied with the purity of the society's intentions they earnestly recommend the submitting their funds and indeed their political existence to the laws of their country.

Your Committee have also as far as was practicable endeavored to form a judgment whether a charter agreeable to the plan as reformed, may be obtained from the legislature of New Jersey, and although it is difficult to draw any positive conclusion from the sentiments of members who, though now in the legislature may at the next session be reduced into the mass of citizens by a new choice, yet from the reasonableness and propriety of the request they are of opinion that a proper charter may be obtained on a formal application therefor.

The determination of the report was postponed until the next meeting.

1786. On motion it was resolved that the institution as altered and amended by the general society at their first meeting be adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare instructions for the representatives of this state meeting in the general society to be held on the first Monday in May next upon deliberate consideration, are of opinion that unless charters of incorporation be obtained from the legislatures of the respective states, the Society of Cincinnati must by the common course of nature, in a few years be at an end, therefore in order to place the future existence upon a more stable foundation your committee beg leave to report the following draught of instructions for the representatives.

GENTLEMEN,

Although this Society have agreed to adopt the institution of the Society of the Cincinnati as altered and amended at their first general meeting, yet we are of opinion that some more effectual mode for perpetuating the same should be fallen on, than that proposed, we do therefore instruct you gentlemen, to concur in or propose, and by all proper means which may be in your power, endeavor to obtain such an amendment to the institution of the general society that in case of the death or expulsion of any of the present members thereof, provision may be made for the supplying such vacancy by an election to be made by the state meeting of that state wherein the same shall happen at their next or some subsequent meeting thereafter.

1787. The committee appointed to draw up instructions for the delegates to the general society made report, to wit.,

GENTLEMEN.

You or such of you as may attend the next general meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati are hereby authorized and empowered on the part of the society you represent, to agree upon and finally establish all such alterations as may be necessary in the constitution of the Society. The instructions were approved by the society.

The same instructions were given the delegates in 1788, 1789 and 1790.

In 1791 the following addition was made to the instructions to delegates: "Any amendment or alteration in the Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati which may be concurred in by nine states in the next general meeting shall be obligatory upon and inviolably observed by this society, although not therein represented, and that this resolve duly authenticated be transmitted to the Secretary-General." The same instructions were given in 1792. In 1793 the number of states concurring was changed to seven. The same instructions were given the delegates in 1797 and again in 1799.

1800. At the meeting of the general society held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., May, 1800, on motion General Bloomfield, Dr. Hitchcock and General Huntington were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Society and report to this meeting the state of the institution.

General Bloomfield from the committee appointed to examine the records of the General Society reported as follows:

On inspecting the documents in the possession of the Secretary General, they do not find that any additional communications have been made from the several state societies, since the circular letter from the general meeting in 1796, on the subject of the proposed alteration above referred to.

From the silence which the state societies have observed, after the pressing circular letters of the general meeting, your Committee are led to conclude, that they do not accede to the proposed reform, and your Committee conceive therefrom that they are authorized to report to the general meeting.

That the institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, remains as it was originally proposed and adopted by the officers of the American army at their Cantonments on the banks of the Hudson River in 1783.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ELIZABETH TOWN, June 11th, 1783.

The officers of the Jersey Line being about to return to their respective places of abode, were requested by General Dayton to convene for the purpose of considering the institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, and after some time spent thereon, they resolved unanimously to become members and subscribed the institution accordingly.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers to continue till the next meeting, and the following gentlemen were elected;

General Elias Dayton	-	-	-	-	-	President
Lieut. Col. Jonathan Foreman	-	-	-	-	-	Vice-President
Reverend Andrew Hunter	-	-	-	-	-	Secretary
Major Richard Cox	-	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
Doctor Ebenezer Elmer	-	-	-	-	-	Assistant Treasurer

The Society adjourned to meet at Princeton the 22d day of September next.

PRINCETON, September 22d, 1783.

The Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey met according to adjournment.

Present, General Elias Dayton	-	-	-	-	President
Lieut. Col. Jonathan Foreman	-	-	-	-	Vice President
Reverend Andrew Hunter	-	-	-	-	Secretary
Major Richard Cox	-	-	-	-	Treasurer
Doctor Ebenzer Elmer	-	-	-	-	Assistant Treasurer

And forty members.

MEETINGS.

Elizabeth Town, N. J., June 11th, 1783.	Trenton, N. J., Sept. 25th, 1824.
Princeton, N. J., Sept. 22d, 1783.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1825.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1784.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., Oct. 27th, 1825.
New Brunswick, N. J., July 4th, 1785.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1826.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1786.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1827.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1787.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1828.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1788.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1829.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1789.	Trenton, N. J., July 5th, 1830.
Trenton, N. J., July 5th, 1790.	Newark, N. J., July 4th, 1831.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1791.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1832.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1792.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1833.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1793.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1834.
Trenton, N. J., July 3d & 4th, 1794.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1835.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 3d & 4th, 1795.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1836.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1796.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1837.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1797.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1838.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1798.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1839.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1799.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1840.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1800.	Camden, N. J., July 5th, 1841.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1801.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1842.
Trenton, N. J., July 5th, 1802.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1843.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1803.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1844.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1804.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1845.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1805.	Newark, N. J., July 4th, 1846.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1806.	Trenton, N. J., July 5th, 1847.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1807.	Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1848.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1808.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1849.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1809.	New Brunswick, N. J., July 4th, 1850.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1810.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1851.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1811.	New Brunswick, N. J., July 5th, 1852.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1812.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1853.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 5th, 1813.	New Brunswick, N. J., July 4th, 1854.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1814.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1855.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1815.	Freehold, N. J., July 4th, 1856.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1816.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1857.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1817.	Princeton, N. J., July 5th, 1858.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1818.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1859.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1819.	Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1860.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1820.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1861.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1821.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1862.
Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1822.	New Brunswick, N. J., July, 4th, 1863.
Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1823.	Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1864.
Trenton, N. J., July 5th, 1824.	New Brunswick, N. J., July 4th, 1865.

Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1866.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1867.
 New Brunswick, N. J., July 4th, 1868.
 New Brunswick, N. J., July 5th, 1869.
 New Brunswick, N. J., July 4th, 1870.
 Elizabeth Town, N. J., July 4th, 1871.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1872.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1873.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1874.
 Trenton, N. J., July 5th, 1875.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1876.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1877.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1878.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1879.
 Long Branch, N. J., July 5th, 1880.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1881.
 Trenton, N. J., July 4th, 1882.
 Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1883.
 Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1884.
 Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1885.
 Freehold, N. J., July 4th, 1886.
 Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1887.
 Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1888.
 Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1889.
 Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1890.
 Trenton, N. J., February 23d, 1891.
 Princeton, N. J., July 4th, 1891.
 Trenton, N. J., December 26th, 1891.
 Spring Lake, N. J., July 4th, 1892.

Trenton, N. J., February 22, 1893.
 Spring Lake, N. J., July 4th, 1893.
 Trenton, N. J., October 19th, 1893.
 Lakewood, N. J., February 22d, 1894.
 Spring Lake, N. J., July 4th, 1894.
 Lakewood, N. J., February 22d, 1895.
 Elberon, N. J., July 4th, 1895.
 Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 22d, 1896.
 Elberon, N. J., July 4th, 1896.
 Trenton, N. J., February 22d, 1897.
 Atlantic City, N. J., July 5th, 1897.
 Princeton, N. J., Feb. 22d, 1898.
 Deal Beach, N. J., July 4th, 1898.
 Summitt, N. J., Feb. 22d, 1899.
 Spring Lake, N. J., July 4th, 1899.
 Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 22d, 1900.
 Pleasure Bay, N. J., July 4th, 1900.
 Trenton, N. J., Feb. 22d, 1901.
 Atlantic City, N. J., July 4th, 1901.
 New York, N. Y., Feb. 22d, 1902.
 Allenhurst, N. J., July 4th, 1902.
 Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22d, 1903.
 Allenhurst, N. J., July 4th, 1903.
 Trenton, N. J., Feb. 22d, 1904.
 Spring Lake, N. J., July 5th, 1904.
 Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 22, 1905.
 Morristown, N. J., July 4th, 1905.
 Lakewood, N. J., Feb. 22d, 1906.
 Morristown, N. J., July 4th, 1906.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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| 1. Abraham Appleton | 38. Andrew Hunter |
| 2. Jeremiah Ballard | 39. Jacob Hyer |
| 3. William Barton | 40. William Kersey |
| 4. John Bishop | 41. Derick Lane |
| 5. John Blair | 42. Richard Lloyd |
| 6. Joseph Bloomfield | 43. Francis Luce |
| 7. Absalom Bonham | 44. Absalom Martin |
| 8. James Bonnell | 45. Aaron Ogden |
| 9. Seth Bowen | 46. Matthias Ogden |
| 10. Nathaniel Bowman | 47. Benajah Osmun |
| 11. David Brearley | 48. John Peck |
| 12. Joseph Buck | 49. Robert Pemberton |
| 13. Eden Burrowes | 50. William Sandford Pennington |
| 14. John Burrowes | 51. Jonathan Phillips |
| 15. Samuel Conn | 52. William Piatt |
| 16. John Conway | 53. Samuel Reading |
| 17. Richard Cox | 54. John Reed |
| 18. John Noble Cumming | 55. John Reed |
| 19. Ephraim Darby | 56. John Reucastle |
| 20. Elias Dayton | 57. Jonathan Rhea |
| 21. Jonathan Dayton | 58. John Ross |
| 22. Cyrus De Hart | 59. Cornelius Riker Sedam |
| 23. Nathaniel Donnell | 60. Samuel Seeley |
| 24. Lewis Ford Dunham | 61. Israel Shreve |
| 25. Ebenezer Elmer | 62. Samuel Moore Shute |
| 26. Peter Faulkner | 63. William Shute |
| 27. Chilion Ford | 64. Jonathan Snowden |
| 28. Jonathan Forman | 65. Oliver Spencer |
| 29. Luther Halsey | 66. Moses Sprowl |
| 30. Jacob Harris | 67. Abraham Stout |
| 31. James Heard | 68. Wessel TenBroeck Stout |
| 32. John Heard | 69. Edmund Disney Thomas |
| 33. William Helms | 70. William Tuttle |
| 34. Samuel Hendry | 71. George Walker |
| 35. John Holmes | 72. Abel Weyman |
| 36. Jonathan Holmes | 73. Ephraim Lockhart Whitlock |
| 37. Richard Howell | |

JOINED THE SOCIETY AFTER ITS ORGANIZATION BUT
ALWAYS CONSIDERED ORIGINAL MEMBERS.

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| 74. James Anderson | 77. John Beatty |
| 75. James Francis Armstrong | 78. Almarin Brooks |
| 76. Daniel Baldwin | 79. William Burnet |

80. George Walker Campbell
 81. Jabez Campfield
 82. Eli Elmer
 83. Mahlon Ford
 84. David Forman
 85. James Giles
 86. John Hollinshead
 87. John Hopper

88. John Howell
 89. John Kinney
 90. Shepard Kollock
 91. Giles Mead
 92. Jacob Piatt
 93. Anthony Reckless
 94. Ebenezer Stockton

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

PRESIDENTS.

1783	Elias Dayton	1871	Lucius Quintius Cincinnatus
1808	Joseph Bloomfield		Elmer
1824	Aaron Ogden	1883	Clifford Stanley Sims
1839	Ebenezer Elmer	1896	William Scudder Stryker
1840	William Shute	1900	William Bowen Buck (Act.
1842	Ebenezer Elmer		President)
1844	Joseph Warren Scott	1901	Frank Landon Humphreys

VICE PRESIDENTS

1783	Jonathan Forman	1842	William Chetwood DeHart
1783	David Brearley	1848	George Cumins Thomas
1791	David Forman	1862	Lucius Quintius Cincinnatus
1793	Joseph Bloomfield		Elmer
1808	John Noble Cumming	1871	Charles Clinton Beatty
1822	Jeremiah Ballard	1883	William Bowen Buck
1824	Ebenezer Elmer	1901	Franklin Davenport Howell
1838	William Shute	1906	James Wall Schureman Camp
1840	Joseph Warren Scott		bell

SECRETARIES.

1783	Andrew Hunter	1852	Francis Barber
1790	James Francis Armstrong	1857	William Bowen Buck
1797	Andrew Hunter	1867	William Berrian Dayton
1811	George Clinton Barber	1875	Francis Barber Ogden
1829	Philip Cortlandt Hay	1891	William Chetwood Spencer
1830	John Jay Plume	1895	Wessel TenBroeck Stout
1833	Robert Hedden Cumming		Inlay
1850	Luther Halsey		

TREASURERS.

1783	Richard Cox	1869	William Bowen Buck
1811	Erkuries Beatty	1875	William Berrian Dayton
1823	John Beatty	1881	Herman Burgin
1826	Ebenezer Elmer	1891	David Provoost Thomas
1829	Robert Livingston Armstrong	1893	James Wall Schureman
1833	Joseph Warren Reckless		Campbell
1838	Robert Dayton Spencer	1907	William Pancoast Barber
1854	John McDowell		

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.

1873	Francis Barber Ogden	1891	William Pancoast Barber
1879	Edward Riggs Pennington	1894	Wessel TenBroeck Stout
1884	William Chetwood Spencer		Imlay
		1895	William McKnight Reckless

ASSISTANT TREASURERS.

1783	Ebenezer Elmer	1887	David Provoost Thomas
1826	Robert Livingston Armstrong	1891	James Wall Schureman
1829	Joseph Warren Reckless		Campbell
1833	William Pennington	1893	Franklin Davenport Howell
1869	Francis Buck McDowell	1901	Hughes Dayton
1875	Herman Burgin		

CHAPLAINS.

1867	Charles Clinton Beatty	1884	Samuel Moore Shute
1871	Luther Halsey	1898	Frank Landon Humphreys
1882	William Henry Hornblower	1901	Richard Lewis Howell

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1791. Messrs. Cumming, Ogden, Bloomfield, Dayton, Hunter, Rhea, Howell, Donnell and Dr. E. Elmer.
1792. Major Joseph Bloomfield, General Elias Dayton, Col. John N. Cumming, Captains Jonathan Dayton and Jonathan Rhea, Majors Richard Howell, Nathaniel Donnell and Captain John Heard.
1793. Messrs. John N. Cumming, Jonathan Dayton, John Doughty, Nathaniel Donnell, John Heard, Aaron Ogden, Lewis Dunham, Andrew Hunter and William Shute.
1794. Messrs. John N. Cumming, Jonathan Rhea, William Shute, Joseph Bloomfield, Nathaniel Donnell, John Stotesbury, Jonathan Forman, Aaron Ogden and Erkuries Beatty.
1795. Messrs. Richard Howell, John Beatty, Aaron Ogden, Jonathan Rhea, Joseph Bloomfield, Andrew Hunter, Erkuries Beatty, Shepherd Collock, James F. Armstrong.
1796. Col. Aaron Ogden, Brigadier-Generals Doughty, Bloomfield, Cummings, White, Giles, Beatty, Captains Dayton and Elmer.
1797. Major William Shute, General William Helms, Major John Heard, Major Jeremiah Ballard, General John Beatty, Dr. Lewis Dunham, General John Cumming, Colonel Jonathan Rhea, Colonel Aaron Ogden.
1798. Colonel Ogden, General Giles, Captain Hendry, Major Ballard, General Beatty, Colonel Kinney, Captain Shute, Colonel Rhea, Colonel Stout.
1799. General Heard, General Doughty, Colonel Rhea, Captain Phillips, General Beatty, Colonel Ogden, Captain Shute.
1800. General Beatty, General Doughty, Captain Shute, Captain Phillips, Major Shute, Major Kinney, Major Ballard.
1801. General Beatty, General Doughty, Colonel Beatty, Major Ballard, Major Shute, Major Kinney, Captain I. Shute.
1802. General John Beatty, John Doughty, Colonel E. Beatty, Majors Samuel Shute, William Shute, Jeremiah Ballard and John Kinney.
1803. General Beatty, Colonel Rhea, Dr. Elmer, Colonel Beatty, Major Ballard, Colonel Stout and General Cumming.
1804. Major Ballard, Colonel Stout, Colonel Rhea, Colonel Kollock, General Cumming, General J. Dayton, George C. Barber.
- 1805-06. Colonel Ogden, General Beatty, Colonel Rhea, General Cumming, Major Ballard, Major Ford and Mr. George C. Barber.
1807. Colonel Ogden, General Cumming, General Giles, Colonel Beatty, Dr. Elmer, Colonel Rhea and Mr. George C. Barber.
1808. General Helms, General Giles, Colonel Ogden, Colonel Rhea, Colonel Beatty, Major Ballard and Major Shute.
1809. General Dayton, Beatty, Giles, Colonel E. Beatty, Major Ballard, William Shute and Captain S. M. Shute.

1810. General J. Beatty, J. Giles, Colonel Ogden, Rhea, Major Ballard, Captain S. M. Shute, Sprowle.
1811. General Beatty, General Giles, General Rhea, Colonel A. Ogden, Major S. M. Shute, Major Ballard and Major Ford.
1812. General Beatty, General Giles, General Rhea, Colonel Ogden, Major Ballard, Major Shute, Major S. M. Shute.
1813. Governor Ogden, General Beatty, General Dayton, Major Ballard, General Rhea, General Giles, Major S. M. Shute.
1814. General Dayton, General Beatty, General Ogden, General Giles, General Rhea, Major Ballard, Major Shute.
1815. General Dayton, General Beatty, General Ogden, General Giles, Captain Reckless, Major Ballard, Major Shute.
1816. General Beatty, Major Ballard, Captain Reckless, Giles, Colonel Dayton, Shute and Ford.
1817. Generals Beatty, Giles, Dayton, Colonel Dayton, Majors Ballard, Shute and Ford.
1818. Generals Beatty, Giles, Dayton, Colonel Ogden, Majors Ballard, Shute, Captain Tuttle.
1819. Generals J. Dayton, Cumming, Beatty, Giles, Majors Ballard, Shute, Lieutenant Tuttle.
1820. Generals Beatty and Giles, J. Dayton, Colonel Ogden, Majors Ballard and Shute, and Captain Tuttle.
1821. Generals Beatty, Giles J. Dayton, Colonel Ogden, Majors Ballard, Shute, Tuttle.
1822. Generals Beatty, Giles, J. Dayton, Colonels Ogden, Kinney, Major Shute, Captain Tuttle.
1823. Generals Elmer, Giles, J. Dayton, Colonels Ogden, Kinney, Captain De Hart, Captain Tuttle.
1824. Colonel Kinney, Captain Tuttle, Robert L. Armstrong, Captain De Hart, General E. B. Dayton, Mr. G. C. Thomas, Mr. Robert H. Cumming.
1825. General Giles, Captain William Tuttle, Colonel Kinney, Robert H. Cumming, Robert L. Armstrong, John A. Hendry, General E. B. Dayton.
- 1826-27. Colonel Kinney, Robert L. Armstrong, Joseph W. Scott, Captain William Tuttle, Captain Cyrus Dehart, Robert H. Cumming, George C. Thomas.
1828. Colonel John Kinney, Colonel Joseph W. Scott, Major J. J. Plume, Mr. R. H. Cumming, Captain William Tuttle, R. L. Armstrong, J. W. Reckless.
1829. Captain Tuttle, Major Plume, J. W. Reckless, Colonel Scott, Colonel Armstrong, R. M. Stout, Robert H. Cumming.
1830. Captain Tuttle, Major Kinney, Colonel Scott, Colonel Plume, R. H. Cumming, J. W. Reckless and R. M. Stout.
1831. Captain Tuttle, Colonel Scott, Mr. Cumming, Mr. Reckless, Mr. Stout, Mr. Heyer, Mr. Elmer.

1832. Captain Tuttle, Colonel Scott, General Wall, Mr. Cumming, Mr. Heyer, Mr. Stout, Mr. Elmer.
1833. Captain Tuttle, Colonel Scott, General Wall, Colonel Armstrong, Colonel Plume, Mr. Elmer, Mr. Stout.
1835. William Tuttle, Garret D. Wall, Robert L. Armstrong, T. M. Elmer.
- 1836-37. Major Shute, Colonel Armstrong, Colonel Scott, General Wall, Mr. Stout, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Spencer.
1838. Colonel Scott, Mr. Stout, Col. Armstrong, General Wall, Mr. Thomas, Captain DeHart, Mr. Lloyd.
1839. Colonel Scott, General Wall, Captain DeHart, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Ogden, Mr. Lloyd.
- 1840, 41 and 42. Colonel Scott, Captain DeHart, Mr. Ogden, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Barber.
1843. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Ogden, Colonel Scott, Mr. Barber, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. J. A. Pennington.
- 1844-45. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Ogden, Mr. Barber, Mr. Reckless, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Pennington.
1846. Messrs. Thomas, Lloyd, Halsey, Elmer, Barber, Ogden, Pennington.
1847. Messrs. Thomas, Elmer, Ogden, Barber, Lloyd, Reckless, J. A. Pennington.
1848. Messrs. Elmer, Lloyd, Reckless, Ogden, Barber, McDowell and J. A. Pennington.
1849. Lucius Q. C. Elmer, William Lloyd, Matthias Ogden, John I. Beatty, Francis Barber, John McDowell, Jr., Alexander C. Hyer.
1850. Matthias Ogden, John I. Beatty, Lucius Q. C. Elmer, Francis Barber, William Lloyd, James A. Pennington, Alexander C. Hyer.
1851. Messrs. Ogden, Elmer, Barber, Hyer, McDowell, J. A. Pennington, Lloyd.
- 1852-53. L. Q. C. Elmer, Matthias Ogden, William Lloyd, James A. Pennington, Alexander C. Hyer, John McDowell, Jr., and J. I. Beatty.
- 1854-55. Matthias Ogden, William Lloyd, J. A. Pennington, R. D. Spencer, A. C. Hyer, L. Q. C. Elmer, J. I. Beatty.
1856. L. Q. C. Elmer, Matthias Ogden, Charles F. Hendry, J. I. Beatty, J. A. Pennington, William Lloyd, Robert Stockton.
1857. Matthias Ogden, Charles F. Hendry, J. I. Beatty, William Lloyd, Francis Barber, L. Q. C. Elmer, Alex. M. Cumming.
1858. Messrs. Ogden, Barber, Lloyd, Beatty, Hendry, Cumming, Armstrong.
- 1859, 60 and 61. Messrs. Ogden, Barber, Lloyd, Beatty, Hendry, Cumming and Pennington.
1860. Messrs. Ogden, Pennington, Cumming, Barber, Lloyd, Beatty and Hendry.
1862. Messrs. Cumming, Ogden, Barber, Lloyd, Beatty, Hendry and Sims.
1863. Messrs. Cumming, Ogden, Barber, Lloyd, Beatty, Hendry and Rev. Mr. Halsey.
1864. Messrs. Cumming, Ogden, Barber, Lloyd, Halsey, Hendry and Armstrong.

1865. Alexander M. Cumming, J. B. Thomas, Messrs. Barber, Lloyd, Hendry, Beatty and Rev. Dr. Halsey.
1866. Messrs. Cumming, Thomas, Barber, Lloyd, Hendry, Sims and the Rev. Dr. Halsey.
- 1867-68. Colonel A. M. Cumming, Francis Barber, William Lloyd, Chas. F. Hendry, J. I. Beatty, James P. Thomas, Rev. Dr. L. Halsey.
- 1869-70. Colonel Alex. M. Cumming, Francis Barber, William Lloyd, Charles F. Hendry, John I. Beatty, James P. Thomas, William C. DeHart.
1871. William Lloyd, James F. Armstrong, Alex. M. Cumming, William C. DeHart, Francis Barber, John I. Beatty, Charles F. Hendry.
1872. William Lloyd, Robert B. Boggs, Francis B. Ogden, Francis Barber, Clifford Stanley Sims, William C. DeHart, Alexander M. Cumming.
- 1873-74. Colonel Alexander M. Cumming, Robert M. Boggs, William Lloyd, William C. DeHart, C. Stanley Sims, Francis Barber, Francis B. Ogden.
- 1875-76. Colonel Alexander M. Cumming, Colonel Clifford Stanley Sims, William Lloyd, Francis Barber, W. C. DeHart, Robert M. Boggs, Herman Burgin.
1877. Col. Alexander M. Cumming, Wm. Lloyd, Robt. M. Boggs, Herman Burgin, Colonel Clifford Stanley Sims, Francis Barber, Edward R. Pennington.
1878. Colonel Alexander M. Cumming, William Lloyd, Colonel Clifford Stanley Sims, Robert M. Boggs, Francis Barber, Herman Burgin, Edw. R. Pennington.
1879. Colonel Alexander M. Cumming, Colonel Clifford Stanley Sims, Mr. William Lloyd, Mr. Robert M. Boggs, Mr. Francis Barber, Hon. John Fitch, Mr. John Clarke Sims.
- 1880, '81 and '82. Mr. William Lloyd, Mr. Francis Barber, Colonel Clifford Stanley Sims, Mr. Robert Morris Boggs, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Hon. John Fitch, Commodore Charles Henry Baldwin, U.S.N.
1883. Mr. William Lloyd, Mr. Francis Barber, Mr. Robert Morris Boggs, Hon. John Fitch, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Rear Admiral Charles Henry Baldwin, Mr. William Chetwood Spencer.
- 1884, '85 and '86. Mr. William Lloyd, Mr. Francis Barber, Mr. Robert M. Boggs, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Hon. John Fitch, Rear Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, Mr. William Wilmot Ballard.
1887. Mr. William Lloyd, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Hon. John Fitch, Rear Admiral Charles Henry Baldwin, Mr. William Wilmot Ballard, Hon. Henry Schenck Harris, Mr. Wessel Ten Broeck Stout Imlay.
1888. Mr. William Lloyd, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Admiral Charles Henry Baldwin, Mr. William W. Ballard, Mr. Henry S. Harris, Mr. Wessel, T. B. S. Imlay, General William S. Stryker.
- 1889, '90, '91, '92, '93 and '94. Mr. William Lloyd, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Mr. William Ballard, Hon. Henry S. Harris, Mr. Wessel T. B. S. Imlay, General William S. Stryker, Dr. Luther F. Halsey.

1895. William Scudder Stryker, John Clarke Sims, Henry Schenck Harris, William Pancoast Barber, William Wilmot Ballard, Paul A. Hendry, Luther F. Halsey.
- 1896, '97, '98, '99 and 1900. Henry Schenck Harris, John Clarke Sims, William P. Barber, F. Wolcott Jackson, William W. Ballard, Paul A. Hendry, John L. Caldwell.
1901. Messrs. Harris, Ballard, Barber, Jackson, Hendry, Maxwell, Wilson.
- 1902-03. W. W. Ballard, P. A. Hendry, H. D. Maxwell, W. P. Barber, F. W. Jackson, H. A. Wilson, T. M. Cheesman.
- 1904, '05, and '06. William Wilmot Ballard, William Pancoast Barber, Paul Augustine Hendry, Henry Dusenbery Maxwell, Henry Applegate Wilson, Timothy Matlack Cheesman, William Pennington.
1907. William Wilmot Ballard, Paul Augustine Hendry, Henry Dusenbery Maxwell, Henry Applegate Wilson, Timothy Matlack Cheesman, William Pennington, Charles Hornblower Woodruff.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SOCIETY.

- 1783. General Dayton, the Honorable Colonel Brearley.
- 1784. Colonel Cumming, Captain Ogden and Captain Dayton.
- 1785. Mr. Boudinot, General Ogden and Mr. Chief Justice Brearley.
- 1786. Captain Dayton, Mr. Boudinot, Colonel Brearley, Major Bloomfield and General Forman.
- 1787. Honorary Colonel David Brearley, General David Forman, General Matthias Ogden, Major Joseph Bloomfield.
- 1788. Colonel Frelinghuysen, Captain Dayton.
- 1789. Captain Dayton, Colonel Frelinghuysen, General Forman, Major Howell.
- 1790. Captain Dayton, Major Howell, Captain Ogden, Major Bloomfield, General Dayton.
- 1791. Messrs. Dayton, Bloomfield, Ogden, Hunter.
- 1792. Captain John Dayton, Major Joseph Bloomfield, Major John Beatty, Rev. Andrew Hunter.
- 1793. Messrs. Jonathan Dayton, Aaron Ogden, Joseph Bloomfield, Frederick Frelinghuysen.
- 1794. Messrs. Jonathan Dayton, John Beatty, Joseph Bloomfield, Aaron Ogden, Frederick Frelinghuysen.
- 1795. Messrs. Jonathan Dayton, Aaron Ogden, John Beatty, Joseph Bloomfield.
- 1796. Col. Aaron Ogden, Brigadier-General Joseph Bloomfield, Brigadier-General John Beatty.
- 1797. Captain Jonathan Dayton, Colonel Aaron Ogden, General Joseph Bloomfield, General John Beatty, General John N. Cumming.
- 1798. Governor Howell, Captain Dayton, Colonel Ogden, General Bloomfield, General Beatty.
- 1799. Brigadier-General Jonathan Dayton, Major-General Joseph Bloomfield, Brigadier-General John Beatty, Brigadier-General John Doughty, Colonel Aaron Ogden.
- 1800. General J. Dayton, General Bloomfield, General Doughty, General Beatty and Colonel Ogden.
- 1801, 1802 and 1803. General J. Dayton, General Bloomfield, General Beatty, General Cummings, Colonel Ogden.
- 1804. General Elias Dayton, Governor Bloomfield, General Jonathan Dayton, Colonel Aaron Ogden, General Beatty.
- 1805-06. General Elias Dayton, Governor Bloomfield, Colonel Ogden, General J. Dayton, General Cumming.
- 1807. Governor Bloomfield, Colonel Ogden, General Cumming, General Beatty, Rev. Mr. Armstrong.
- 1811, '12, '14 and 15. Dr. E. Boudinot, General Beatty, General Giles, Major Cox, General Cumming.
- 1817. General Bloomfield, General Beatty, Colonel Ogden.

- 1818-20. General Giles, Colonel Ogden, Major Ballard.
- 1827. Colonel A. Ogden, Colonel J. W. Scott, R. L. Armstrong.
- 1828. General Elmer, Colonel Armstrong, Colonel Kinney.
- 1830. J. W. Reckless, R. L. Armstrong, J. J. Plume.
- 1831. Colonel Ogden, Colonel Scott, Colonel Armstrong.
- 1832. Colonel Armstrong, Mr. Reckless, General Wall.
- 1833. Colonel Ogden, General Wall, Colonel Scott.
- 1837. Colonel Ogden, Colonel Scott, Mr. Thomas.
- 1840. Major Shute, Colonel Scott, Governor Pennington.
- 1841. Colonel Scott, General Wall, Governor Pennington.
- 1842-43. Governor Pennington, General Wall, Colonel Scott.
- 1844. Colonel Scott, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bloomfield.
- 1845-46. Colonel Scott, Messrs. Thomas and Bloomfield.
- 1847-48. Colonel Scott, Messrs. Thomas and Spencer.
- 1849, '50, '52 and '53. Colonel Scott, George C. Thomas, Robert D. Spencer.
- 1854-55. Colonel Scott, L. Q. C. Elmer, George C. Thomas.
- 1856. Colonel J. W. Scott, Governor Pennington, L. Q. C. Elmer and George C. Thomas.
- 1862. Colonel J. W. Scott, Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, Hon. E. B. D. Ogden, John McDowell, Jr.
- 1867. Colonel Joseph W. Scott, Rev. Dr. C. C. Beatty, Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, Rev. Dr. L. Halsey, John McDowell, Jr.
- 1868. L. Q. C. Elmer, Alexander M. Cumming, Rev. C. C. Beatty, D.D., James P. Thomas, Wm. B. Dayton.
- 1869-70. Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, Colonel Alex. M. Cumming, Rev. Dr. C. C. Beatty, William B. Buck, William B. Dayton.
- 1871. William B. Buck, William B. Dayton, Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, Clifford Stanley Sims, Captain James F. Armstrong.
- 1872. Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, Rev. C. C. Beatty, Hon. John T. Nixon, Clifford Stanley Sims and Colonel Alex. M. Cumming.
- 1873. Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, Rev. C. C. Beatty, D.D., Hon. John T. Nixon, Colonel Alex. M. Cumming, C. Stanley Sims.
- 1874, '75, and '76. Judge L. Q. C. Elmer, Colonel Alex. M. Cumming, Judge John T. Nixon, Colonel C. S. Sims and Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D.D.
- 1877, '78 and '79. Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D.D., Judge John T. Nixon, Colonel Clifford Stanley Sims, Francis Barber Ogden.
- 1880. Rev. Charles Clinton Beatty, D.D., Col. Clifford Stanley Sims, Hon. John Thompson Nixon, Dr. Herman Burgin, Hon. John Fitch.
- 1881-82. Rev. Charles Clinton Beatty, D.D., Colonel Clifford Stanley Sims, Mr. Francis Barber Ogden, Hon. John Thompson Nixon, Hon. John Fitch.
- 1883. Colonel Clifford Stanley Sims, Mr. Francis Barber Ogden, Hon. John Thompson Nixon, Hon. John Fitch and Rev. Dr. William H. Hornblower.

- 1884, '85 and '86. Hon. Clifford Stanley Sims, Mr. William Bowen Buck, Mr. Fras. Barber Ogden, Hon. John T. Nixon, Hon. John Fitch.
- 1887, '88 and '89. Hon. Clifford Stanley Sims, Mr. William Bowen Buck, Mr. Francis Barber Ogden, Rev. Samuel Moore Shute, D.D., Mr. William Chetwood Spencer.
- 1890, '91, '92, '93 and '94. Messrs. Clifford Stanley Sims, Rev. Samuel Moore Shute, D.D., Mr. William Bowen Buck, William Chetwood Spencer, William S. Stryker.
1895. Clifford Stanley Sims, Henry Schenck Harris, Samuel Moore Shute, William Chetwood Spencer, William Scudder Stryker.
- 1896-97. William S. Stryker, Henry S. Harris, Samuel M. Shute, William C. Spencer, John C. Sims.
1898. W. S. Stryker, F. W. Jackson, F. D. Howell, J. C. Sims, H. S. Harris, W. T. B. S. Imlay.
- 1899-1900. Messrs. Stryker, Harris, Sims, Howell, Imlay.
1901. Henry S. Harris, Franklin D. Howell, W. T. B. S. Imlay, Frank L. Humphreys, James W. S. Campbell.
- 1902, '03, '04, '05 and '06. F. D. Howell, W. T. B. S. Imlay, F. L. Humphreys, J. W. S. Campbell, T. M. Cheesman.
1907. W. T. B. S. Imlay, F. L. Humphreys, J. W. S. Campbell, T. M. Cheesman, C. H. Woodruff.

ALTERNATES.

- 1874, '75, '76. Francis B. Ogden, Judge Joseph G. Scott.
- 1877, '78 and '79. William B. Buck, Hon. John Fitch, Herman Burgin.
1880. William Bowen Buck, Francis Barber Ogden, William Henry Hornblower, Joseph Griffith Scott, Commodore Charles Henry Baldwin, U.S.N.
1881. William Bowen Buck, Rev. Dr. William Henry Hornblower, Hon. Joseph G. Scott, Hon. John Lambert Cadwalader, Commodore Charles H. Baldwin, U.S.N.
1882. William Bowen Buck, Rev. William Henry Hornblower, D.D., Hon. Joseph Griffith Scott, Commodore Charles H. Baldwin, U.S.N., Hon. John Lambert Cadwalader.
1883. William Bowen Buck, Hon. Joseph Griffiths Scott, Rear-Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, Hon. John L. Cadwalader, Colonel William Elmer Potter.
1884. Hon. Joseph G. Scott, Rear-Admiral Charles H. Baldwin, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Hon. John Cadwalader, General William S. Stryker.
- 1885-86. Rear-Admiral Charles Henry Baldwin, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Hon. John Lambert Cadwalader, General William Scudder Stryker, Hon. Joseph Dorset Bedle.
- 1887, '88 and '89. Hon. John Thompson Nixon, Mr. John Clarke Sims, Hon. John Lambert Cadwalader, General William Scudder Stryker, Hon. Joseph Dorset Bedle.

- 1890, '91, '92, '93 and '94. Messrs. John Clarke Sims, John L. Cadwalader, Joseph D. Bedle, Henry S. Harris, Edward B. Grubb.
1895. John Clarke Sims, John Lambert Cadwalader, T. Matlack Cheesman, Frank Landon Humphreys, Frederick Wolcott Jackson.
1896. John L. Cadwalader, Timothy M. Cheesman, Frank L. Humphreys, Franklin D. Howell.
1897. J. L. Cadwalader, F. L. Humphreys, T. M. Cheesman, F. W. Jackson, F. D. Howell.
1898. J. L. Cadwalader, F. W. Jackson, T. M. Cheesman, F. L. Humphreys, J. W. S. Campbell.
1899. Messrs. Cadwalader, Cheesman, Campbell, Humphreys, Ballard.
1900. J. L. Cadwalader, Timothy M. Cheesman, W. W. Ballard, Charles H. Woodruff, Paul A. Hendry.
1901. John L. Cadwalader, Timothy M. Cheesman, W. W. Ballard, Charles H. Woodruff, Paul A. Hendry.
1902. John L. Cadwalader, Charles H. Woodruff, Paul A. Hendry, Hughes Dayton, Henry D. Maxwell.
- 1903, '04, '05 and '06. Charles Hornblower Woodruff, Paul Augustine Hendry, Hughes Dayton, Henry Dusenbery Maxwell, William Pennington.
1907. P. A. Hendry, H. Dayton, H. D. Maxwell, William Pennington, R. L. Howell.

BY-LAWS, RULES AND AMENDMENTS.

1786.

General Dayton, Colonel Ogden, Mr. Boudinot, Captain Dayton, Captain Ogden, Mr. Brearley, and Mr. Bloomfield were appointed a Committee to draw up and present to the Society at their next meeting a set of By-laws.

1790.

Major Bloomfield, from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported a set of By-Laws for the Government of the Society which are as follows:

By-Laws of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, adopted July 5th, 1790.

I. The Stated Meetings of the Society shall be alternately at Elizabeth-Town and Trenton, and when necessary the President or, in case of his absence, the Vice-President may call extra-meetings, on giving thirty days' public notice.

II. In order to give due weight and dignity to the transactions of the Society, and to prevent its interests from being at any time subject to the control of too inconsiderable a proportion of its members, at least one-sixth of the whole number shall be present to transact business, and in case the President and Vice-President shall both be absent, the members present are hereby authorized to elect a chairman for the time being.

III. At every Anniversary meeting the Society is to elect its officers for the ensuing year. Deputies to represent them at the general meeting, and a Committee of nine members, who shall form a Standing Committee for the purpose of affording temporary relief to persons entitled to the same, to receive and report on the Claims of Officers, and shall transact all such other business as cannot be deferred without manifest injury until the next meeting of the Society; the agreement of five of whom shall be necessary to decide thereon.

IV. All elections in the Society shall be by ballot.

V. The Treasurer shall give bond and security in double the sum in his hands to the President, his executors, administrators and assigns, in trust for the Society, for the faithful performance of his duty, he shall keep a regular account of all monies of the Society which come into his hands, and shall present a true state of his accounts and books to the Standing Committee whenever called upon by them, and to the Society for their inspection at their stated meetings.

VI. The Mode of obtaining relief by persons entitled thereto shall be in the first instance by application to the Standing Committee, who shall examine into the merits and, if the necessity of the case requires it, recommend them to the President, or in his absence to the Vice-President, to issue his warrant on the Treasurer for such sum as they may think expedient, having always in view and paying the strictest attention to economy and the state of the Society's funds.

VII. The recommendation to be in the following form to wit:

By the Standing Committee of the New Jersey Society of the Cincinnati:
Application having been made to us on behalf of..... as a
person entitled to the benefit of the Society, and we having made strict exami-
nation into the circumstances of.....'s case do recom-
mend to the President (or Vice-President, as the case may be) to issue a war-
rant on the Treasurer for the sum of.....to afford the
said..... a temporary relief until.....'s
case can be laid before the Society at their next meeting.

Signed by the Committee,

Present.

to which the President shall annex his warrant on the Treasurer for the sum
specified in the recommendation; and the case of the applicant shall be laid
before the next meeting of the Society, who will order such further relief as
to them shall seem proper.

VIII. All such incidental charges of printing, books, papers, etc., as are
necessary shall be paid by warrant from the President, the accounts having
first been examined and allowed by any three of the Standing Committee.

IX. The expenses of each stated meeting shall be paid out of the inter-
est arising from the funds.

X. The Deputies to the general society shall be allowed their reasonable
expenses; the accounts of which shall immediately upon being presented be
examined by the standing Committee and such sums as any three allow shall
be paid out of the Funds on warrant from the President.

XI. No monies shall be paid by the Treasurer but on warrant as above
prescribed, or in the order of the Society at their meeting; which order shall
be entered on the Journals, and a copy of it be given to the Treasurer, signed
by the President and countersigned by the Secretary.

XII. The members of the Society shall be considered as bound in hon-
our not to mention out of the Society any matter offered in debate or any indi-
vidual opinion given respecting the admission or expulsion of any member.

XIII. In case of the death or removal from the State of the Treasurer
or Secretary the Standing Committee shall have power to make a temporary
appointment until the next meeting of the Society.

XIV. An oration shall be delivered at each Anniversary meeting, for
which purpose two orators shall be chosen, at the present and one at each suc-
ceeding annual meeting the person last chosen always to be considered the
second orator upon whom the duty shall devolve in case by any means the first
be prevented therefrom, and due notice be given by him of such inability.

XV. At every meeting of the Society the following rules with respect
to order in debate shall be observed.

Sec. I.—Duty of The President for the time being shall not engage in
the President. any public debate without leave of the Society, except so
far as to regulate the form of preceeding, and upon all
occasions shall support the strictest order agreeably to
the rules hereby established.

Sec. 2.—Conduct- The first business of each meeting shall be to read
ing Business. the minutes of the preceding one, and communications to
the Society next, the reports of the Committees shall be
received and considered, and lastly the officers and Stand-
ing Committee shall be elected.

Sec. 3.—Manner The manner of voting on any question shall be by
of Voting. those in the affirmative rising, and those in the negative
keeping their seats; but should any doubt arise as to the
majority, and any member request the Yeas and Nays, the
names of the members shall be severally called by the Sec-
retary.

Sec. 4.—On Mo- Nothing shall be deemed or taken for a motion unless
tions. seconded. When any motion is made the same shall be
determined upon before any new matter shall be introduced
unless the previous question be first demanded. The
President shall have a right to require the motion in writ-
ing if he should think proper.

Sec. 5.—Conduct No member shall interrupt the business by entering
of Members. into private conversation during a debate or whilst any
business is before the Society that requires general atten-
tion, but every person shall keep his seat except the mem-
ber that is up to speak or communicating information.

Every member rising to speak or to give information
shall address the chair and should two rise at the same
time for either purpose, the President shall determine
which may speak first. No member shall speak or offer
information, without rising or speak more than twice a
day on any subject without leave of the Society; and in
all debates and proceedings the members shall confine
themselves within the strictest rules of decency and de-
corum towards the chair and each other.

1799.

Resolved that the Standing Committee shall in future consist of seven
members, and that four of whom shall be a quorum to do business.

1830.

* Resolved that the 1st Bye Law and Rule of this Society as passed in
1806 be so far dispensed with as that the Society at their next annual meet-
ing shall meet at Newark instead of Elizabeth Town, which resolution was
negatived, a motion was made to reconsider the vote and carried and the
resolution was adopted.

* No such rule was passed in 1806, but was passed July 5, 1790.—W. T. B. S. I., Sec.

1833.

The Committee respecting Canons or rules of succession as to membership, not being ready to report in consequence of the death of Charles Ewing, Esq., Resolved that A. O. Dayton, Esq., be added to the Committee and that they be requested to report.

1839.

The following additional rule and by law was proposed for the consideration of the Society at their next meeting.

If any honorary member of this Society heretofore elected or hereafter to be elected as such shall refuse, omit or neglect to attend two regular successive meetings of this Society on Independence days without assigning a satisfactory reason therefor to the Society such omission or neglect shall be deemed and taken as a resignation of his seat and membership in this Society.

1840.

The additional rule and bye law at the last meeting in relation to honorary members was unanimously adopted and the Secretary of the Society was requested to give notice of the same.

1842.

The resolution adopted by the Society of the Cincinnati at its regular meeting declaring that any Honorary Member who should be absent from the regular meeting of the Society twice in succession without assigning a sufficient reason for such absence, should thereby forfeit his membership was rescinded.

1855.

On Motion the Society then went into consideration of the Resolutions relative to the succession and admission of members "adopted by the General Society of Cincinnati, at their Triennial Meeting held in Baltimore, on the 17th day of May, 1854, and recommended by them for adoption by the several State Societies, and which resolutions are in the words following:

1. Resolved that each State Society shall have the full right and power to regulate the admission of members, both as to the qualification of members, and the terms of admission, provided that admission be confined to the male descendants of original members, or of those who are now members (including collateral branches, as contemplated by the original constitution), or to the male descendants of such officers of the Army or Navy, as may have been entitled to admission, but who failed to avail themselves thereof, within the time limited by the Constitution, or to the male descendants of such Officers of the Army or Navy of the Revolution, as may have resigned with Honor, or left the service with reputation, or to the male collateral relations of any officer, who died in service, without leaving any issue.

2. Resolved that the male descendants of those, who were members of the State Societies, which have been dissolved may be admitted into existing Societies, upon such terms as those Societies think proper to prescribe.

3. Resolved that the foregoing Resolutions be proposed to the several State Societies, and their assent be requested thereto, and upon assent being given by each of the remaining Societies, the Secretary General shall issue notice thereof to each Society, and thereupon the said Resolutions shall become operative and each State Society shall be at liberty to act upon the power given thereby.

It was thereupon Resolved that the New Jersey State Society of Cincinnati do not assent to the above Resolutions, passed by the General Society of Cincinnati.

1856.

Resolved, that the eldest son of any member of the Society may be admitted a member of this Society during the life of his father, but shall not be entitled to mileage.

Resolved, that upon the death of a member of this Society having more than one male descendant all such descendants may be admitted as members. These resolutions, according to the rules of the Society, were laid over for consideration till the next annual meeting.

1857.

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, Secretary and Treasurer to meet on the evening of the 3d of July and prepare the business as far as they are able. The expenses to be borne by the Society. Adopted.

1859.

It was resolved that a committee of three (3) be appointed to revise the rules and regulations of this Society.

1860.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Society to revise the rules and regulations reported the following which were approved and the Committee discharged.

By-Laws and Rules of the New Jersey Society of Cincinnati.

1. The Society shall hold an annual meeting on the 4th day of July unless that day shall fall on Sunday, in which case the annual meeting shall be held on the day following.

2. Nine members of the Society shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

3. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

4. The Officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting in each year. At which also there shall be appointed a committee of seven members, who, together with the officers of the Society before mentioned, shall constitute a standing committee. There shall also be appointed at the same time three delegates to represent this Society in any meeting of the General Society which may be held during the ensuing year.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society. He shall preserve order in the course of proceedings according to the parliamentary rules of deliberative Assemblies.

6. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall succeed to his powers and duties.

7. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Society, he shall record them in a fair and legible hand, and he shall have the custody of their books and papers.

8. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging or due to the Society, arising from the interest or income of the permanent fund and other sources of revenue. He shall keep regular accounts and shall submit them to the inspection of the Standing Committee at the regular annual meeting.

9. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to take care of the general concerns of the Society as heretofore as well as of all matters which shall be especially committed to them by the Society. They shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer and make report thereon. They shall examine all bills and claims and shall authorize the payment of just demands. They shall recommend such donations of relief to the members of this Society or to the widows of families of deceased members who may in their judgment be proper objects for the beneficence of the Society, in such sums as they shall deem it reasonable and proper to allow.

10. Every person desirous of becoming a member of this Society shall make application in writing to the Standing Committee setting forth distinctly and clearly his claim to be admitted.

The Standing Committee shall advise thereon and may require any proof which they shall deem proper in support of such claim to be admitted, or any testimonial with respect to the character and standing of the applicant, and they shall report their opinion to the Society.

11. No persons shall be admitted a member of this Society unless he be Twenty One years of age.

12. No person shall be admitted a member of this Society except at a regular annual meeting.

13. No Honorary member shall be elected except at an annual meeting, and no person shall be elected an Honorary member unless he shall have been openly proposed as such at the annual meeting immediately preceding and an entry made of that fact upon the minutes.

14. If any Honorary member heretofore elected or hereafter to be elected shall refuse or neglect to attend two successive annual meetings of the Society and no satisfactory reason shall be assigned for the same, such refusal or neglect shall be construed to be ipso facto a resignation of his membership and the society may hereupon according to the rules proceed to elect some other in his place.

15. The vote upon the admission of new members and also upon the election of honorary members, shall in all cases be taken by ballot. The affirmative of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be necessary for the admission of a new member. Four negatives shall prevent the election of an honorary member.

16. The members of the Society shall be considered as bound in honor not to mention out of the Society any matter offered in debate or any individual opinion respecting the admission, election or expulsion of any member.

17. At the annual meeting the Declaration of Independence shall be read before the Society by some one of the members, or by some other proper fitted person to be selected by the President. An oration shall also be delivered to the occasion and commenorative of the vast event of which that day is the anniversary.

18. No rule or By-Law shall be altered or repealed unless such alteration or repeal shall have been proposed at one annual meeting and agreed to at the next. Nevertheless the Society reserve to themselves the right in peculiar and extraordinary circumstances to suspend the operation of any rule. But in such case a vote unanimous shall be necessary.

19. The Society do not think it expedient in their Rules or By Laws to establish any permanent place of meeting and therefore leave that matter to each annual meeting to appoint the place of the next annual meeting.

20. The ancient customs of the Society shall remain unimpaired.

1867.

The Committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider and report upon the advisability of amending the present rules for admission of Members to this State Society, submitted the following rules for future observance.

RULES.

1. Where there are descendants of an original member in the male line, the right of membership shall belong to the heir of the eldest line, but if the person so entitled shall fail to apply for his membership within three years, the Society may determine, who, if any, of the other male descendants shall be admitted; where the male line is extinct, the Society may determine which of the female lines shall have the representation; and where there are no lineal descendants of an original member, or the heir entitled in the male or female line fails to avail himself of his claim to membership within three years, a descendant of a brother or sister of the original member, if there be any such, shall succeed to the representation.

2. Hereafter all officers of the Army or Navy of the Revolution, whose records are unsullied, shall be entitled to representation in this State Society, but such representation shall be upon the following conditions. Each applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his good character and moral worth, and shall pay into the treasury of the Society a sum equivalent to the amount contributed by an original member of the rank of the ancestor from whom he

claims descent, or in whose right he claims membership, with six per cent. per annum on the same, from the organization of the Society to the date of his admission.

3. In determining the succession of such members as shall make application for admission under the preceding (2d) Rule, the same ruling will apply as in the case of representations of original members.

4. Any person claiming membership shall make written application to the Standing Committee at or before a regular meeting, stating clearly his claim. The Committee shall examine the same, and after demanding such proof as they think proper in its support, shall report to the Society their opinion in writing. The Society always reserving to itself the right to reject and pass over any application where it is deemed best for its interests to do so, whether for unworthiness on the part of the applicant or other cause.

5. No elections for members shall be held except at the regular annual meetings. Honorary members or those applying under the provisions of the second rule above, shall be proposed at an annual meeting previous to that at which they are to be balloted for. All elections shall be by ballot, and five negative votes shall be considered as a rejection of any candidate.

6. None but males of full age shall be admitted to membership, but eligibility to membership in succession devolving upon a minor shall be deemed vested in such minor, and the use thereof shall remain in abeyance until the disability cease or to be removed as provided for in the first rule.

1871.

Mr. Francis B. Ogden offered for the consideration of the Society the following proposed amendment to the Rules adopted July 4th, 1867, and moved the substitution of the same for Article 1 of said Rules.

Where there are descendants of an original member in the male line; the right of membership belongs to the heir of the eldest line, but where the male line is extinct, the Society may determine which of the female line shall have the representation and where there are no lineal descendants of an original member, a descendant of a brother or sister of the original member may succeed to the representation.

Upon the death of a member, if the person upon whom devolves the succession, being of full age, shall fail to apply for his membership within 2 years, he shall be notified by the Secretary at his last known place of residence (a copy of this rule accompanying such notification) and if within a year thereafter he declines or omits to make said application, the right of succession may at the option of the Society be offered to his next heir male, and if he also declines or omits to avail himself of the offer within a year, the Society may determine which, if any, of the other descendants of the original Member, shall succeed, to the representation. Provided, however, if the next heir male of the person regularly entitled to succession be a minor, the eligibility to membership being vested in him, this rule shall remain in abeyance until such disability cease.

1872.

The Amendment proposed at the last meeting, by Mr. Francis B. Ogden, to the Rules of the Society adopted July 4th, 1867, relating to the admission of members, coming up for consideration in its order, the proposed amendment, as fully entered on the Minutes of July 4th, 1871, was adopted as a substitute for Article 1 of said Rules.

Col. Cumming offered for the consideration of the Society an amendment to Article II of said Rules of July 4, 1867, as follows:

Resolved, that in Rule 2d, adopted July 4th, 1867, all the words following the word "equivalent" be stricken out, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "and shall pay into the Treasury of the Society the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars."

1877.

The Standing Committee would submit for the consideration of the Society, that as the present reading of Rule No. 2 as adopted at the meeting of 1872, permits of any descendant or collateral of any of the officers in any of the thirteen original States to make application for admission into the New Jersey State Society, subject to the payment of \$250, and that if his ancestor, or the party from whom he derives his claim, be an officer of good standing and he, the applicant, be a man of moral worth, it is difficult and invidious to deny him admission. They would, therefore, recommend in view of more properly restricting such applications, the substitution of the following for Rule 2, as it now stands, namely that the Rule shall read:

Hereafter all officers of the army or navy of the Revolution whose records are unsullied, shall be entitled to representation in this State Society but such representation shall be upon the following conditions: Each applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his good character and moral worth, and shall pay into the Treasury of the Society the sum of \$250 if his claim be based upon his representation of an officer of the New Jersey line and \$500 if his claim be based upon his representation of an officer of any other line.

The amendment to Rule No. 2 regulating the admission of members was passed unanimously.

They also would recommend the passage of the following rule.

That hereafter the President be empowered to invite to dine with the Society not exceeding three persons and the Standing Committee not exceeding six persons, the said invitations, nine in all, to be issued through the Secretary in the name of the Society. Recommendation adopted.

1878.

The Standing Committee recommend the following codification of the Bye Laws of this Society and that the rules being suspended they be at once adopted.

BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

I. MEETINGS.

The Society shall hold an annual meeting on the fourth of July yearly, unless that day fall on Sunday in which case it shall be held on the day following. At such meeting the Society shall appoint the place at which the next annual meeting shall be held. Extraordinary meetings may be called by the President, or in case of his death, absence or inability to act by the Vice-President.

2. QUORUM.

Nine members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business shall be:

Prayer,
Roll Call,
Reading of Minutes,
Reports of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committee,
Special Committees.
General Business,
Election of Officers.
Adjournment.

4. OFFICERS.

The Society shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Chaplain to be chosen by a majority of votes at the annual meeting, and they with seven members of the Society, to be chosen in the same manner and at the same time, shall constitute the Standing Committee, of whom seven shall form a quorum. The Standing Committee shall appoint one of their number (who shall not be one of the officers above named) to act as Chairman of their body.

5. DELEGATES.

Five delegates whose expenses shall be borne by the Society shall be chosen by a majority of votes at the annual meeting to represent the Society at any meetings of the General Society which may be held during the ensuing year.

6. PRESIDENT.

The President, or in case of his death, absence or inability to act, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and shall preserve order in the course of proceedings according to the parliamentary rules of deliberative assemblies. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

7. SECRETARY.

The Secretary, or in case of his death, absence or inability to act, the assistant secretary shall have custody of the books and archives of the Society, shall give notice of all meetings and shall record the minutes of the same in a

fair and legible hand. He shall note in the book provided for that purpose, the dates of the admission and deaths of members, the various National, State or Society offices which they may fill and such other memoranda as may be proper.

8. TREASURER.

The Treasurer, or in case of his death, absence or inability to act, the assistant treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Society, either as interest on the permanent fund or from other sources, and shall keep regular accounts, which previous to each annual meeting shall be audited by the Standing Committee. He shall deposit all moneys of the Society, not vested in Bonds or other lawful securities, in some Bank to be approved by the President, to the credit of the Society, subject to the draft of the Treasurer for the time being, or in case of his death, absence or inability to act, the Assistant Treasurer; he shall also invest the cash funds of the Society whenever there is a surplus in the Treasury, after leaving a reasonable margin for current expenses.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall have charge of the general concerns of the Society, and of such matters as may be specially entrusted to them. They shall examine all claims and, if just, authorize their payment, and shall recommend donations to the families of deceased members, in such cases as they shall judge worthy of relief. They shall have power to fill all vacancies by death, resignation or otherwise, such appointments to continue until the office or place be filled by the Society at an annual meeting, and they may with the concurrence of the Trustees, call in any of the moneys belonging to the Society and invest the same, and change the investments from time to time as may be to the interest of the Society.

10. TRUSTEES.

The Permanent funds of the Society shall be invested in the names of three Trustees and the survivors of them, as joint tenants, said trustees to be chosen by a majority of votes at an annual meeting; and if at any time two vacancies shall occur in the office of such trustees it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee forthwith to fill the same, which appointments shall be valid until others be made by the Society.

11. TERM OF OFFICE.

All officers, delegates, trustees and members of Committees shall continue in their respective authorities until other appointments are made in their stead.

12. INVESTMENTS.

All investments shall be in the securities of the United States or of the State of New Jersey.

13. DEBATES.

Members shall be considered as bound in honor to keep secret any matter offered in debate, or any individual opinion expressed respecting admission, election or expulsion of members.

14. HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary members whose number shall not exceed a ratio of one to four of the officers or their descendants, may be admitted into this Society, for their own lives only, provided, however, that should they refuse or neglect to attend two successive annual meetings and no satisfactory reason being assigned for their absence, said absence shall be construed to be ipso facto, a resignation of their membership and the Society may, thereupon, proceed to elect others in their place.

15. PENSIONS.

All applications for pensions or allowances shall be made in writing and addressed to the Standing Committee and shall contain the statement that the party so applying or applied for, is worthy of relief, being in necessitous circumstances.

16. MILEAGE.

The Treasurer shall pay mileage only to such members as shall answer to their names at Roll Call.

17. INVITATIONS.

The President shall be empowered to invite not exceeding three guests, and the Standing Committee not exceeding six guests to dine with the Society at the annual dinner, said invitations to be issued through the Secretary in the name of the Society. This rule does not affect the members of other State Societies who may desire to be present.

18. AMENDMENTS.

No By-law or rule shall be amended or repealed nor any new by-law or rule made unless proposed at one annual meeting and agreed to at the next. But the Society by a unanimous vote may suspend the operation of any by-law or rule.

The proposed codification of the By-Laws of this Society was then considered and the same passed subject to the following amendments.

No. 2 Quorum; to add the words "or in absence thereof the meeting stands adjourned until the next 4th of July."

No. 5., Delegates; to erase the words "whose expenses shall be borne by the Society."

The rules were then unanimously adopted.

1880.

On motion resolved that hereafter the rule on Invitations (XVII) shall read: "and the committee of arrangements not exceeding three guests," instead of "and the Standing Committee not exceeding six guests," as heretofore.

1881.

* The Standing Committee recommend that Rule 2, regarding the admission of members, be amended to read as follows:

Rule 2. Hereafter all the descendants of officers of the Continental Line of the Army or Navy of the Revolution, who were members to the original institution or were qualified for admission thereto, shall be eligible to membership, with succession thereto, in this State Society; but such memberships shall be upon the following conditions: each applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his good character and moral worth and except such as may be entitled in lineal succession from his father or other progenitor, shall pay into the Treasury of the Society the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, if his application be based upon his representation of an officer of the New Jersey line, and five hundred dollars if his application be based upon his representation of an officer of any other State line. Membership other than that of the eldest male line of an original member shall be so designated.

The Proposed amendment to Rule 2, regulating the admission of members, was laid over, in accordance with the rule.

They also recommend that in the matter of Invitations, the Resolution of 1880 suspended the operation of By Law XVII, but under By Law XVIII on amendments did not repeal it. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the suspension of the rules and the repeal of By Law XVII and the adoption of the following in its place.

The President shall be empowered to invite not exceeding three guests to dine with the Society at the annual dinner. All members desiring to invite a friend shall notify the Secretary at least ten days previous to the day of meeting, enclosing him \$5.00, and he shall forward them a letter of invitation for the party designated in the name of the Society; members shall be held personally responsible to the Society for the propriety of the invitations issued by their request. This rule does not affect the members of other State Societies who may desire to be present.

1894.

Resolved, that the President appoint a Committee to examine the present by-laws of the Society and report to the Society such amendments and supplements thereto as in their opinion may be advisable.

1898.

The Standing Committee recommend the adoption of the report of the committee on By-Laws.

The By Laws were adopted as follows:

BY LAWS.

MEETINGS.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the 4th day of July. Such other stated meetings may be held as shall be ordered by

* The following two recommendations of the Standing Committee were never acted upon.—W. B. T. S. Imlay, Secretary.

the Society. To the banquets given at any stated meeting four (4) guests may be invited by the Committee of arrangements and three (3) by the President, these seven (7) guests to include the speakers, and to dine at the expense of the Society. Extraordinary or special meetings may be called by the President, or in the event of his death, absence or inability to act, by the Vice President, and shall also be called upon the written request of ten (10) members of the Society. No business shall be transacted at extraordinary or special meetings, except such as shall be mentioned in the call therefore.

QUORUM.

Sec. II. Twelve (12) hereditary members shall constitute a quorum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Sec. III. The order of business at the annual meeting shall be:

1. Prayer.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reading of the Minutes.
4. Reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committee and Special Committees.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Election of Officers.

OFFICERS.

Sec. IV. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer and a Chaplain, who shall be elected by ballot, at the annual meeting, to serve for one year or until their successors are chosen, and shall be members of the Standing Committee provided for in Section IX. The official headquarters of the Society shall be in the State of New Jersey and the President, the Secretary (when the Secretary now in office shall cease to serve) and the Treasurer shall be residents of the State of New Jersey.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SOCIETY.

Sec. V. At each annual meeting five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates shall be elected by ballot, to represent the Society at such meetings of the General Society, as may be held during the ensuing year.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

Sec. VI. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and such meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. In the event of the absence of the President and Vice-President the meeting shall elect a chairman.

The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. VII. The Secretary shall have the custody of the seal, books and papers of the Society, and shall record the minutes of all meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose; he shall record the dates of the death of members, the names of their successors, with the dates of their admission, the various National, State or Society offices held by them, and such other memoranda of their histories as he may be able to obtain.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and have charge of all monies (except the permanent fund provided for in Section X) belonging to the Society, whether interest on the permanent fund or from other sources; he shall deposit all monies received in such New Jersey bank or trust company allowing interest on the daily balance to its credit, as may be designated by the Standing Committee; he shall pay only such bills as shall have first been approved in writing by the President, and shall pay the same only by check countersigned by the President. The Treasurer shall keep regular accounts and present them before the annual meeting and at other times if required to the Standing Committee for audit.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Sec. IX. There shall be a Standing Committee, which shall be elected annually and shall be composed of seven (7) members of the Society and the general officers named in Section IV, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the general affairs of the Society, and of such special matters as may be referred to it, or which may be of special interest to the Society; to examine all claims and authorize the payment of such as are proved to be just; to recommend to the Society such donations to the families of deceased members as investigation may show to be necessary and proper, and to fill vacancies for unexpired terms of all officers, becoming vacant by death, resignation or other reason. It shall have power to invest, call in and reinvest any of the monies belonging to the Society, and shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer before each annual meeting. It shall elect a chairman who shall preside at its meetings. The Secretary of the Society shall be the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

DEPOSITORY FOR SECURITIES.

Sec. X. At each annual meeting of the Society a Trust Company shall be selected as a depository for Securities owned by the Society. Such Trust Company under the instructions and subject to the orders of the Standing Committee shall have the care of the securities of the Society, which shall be registered in the name of the Standing Committee as Trustees for the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey; and at the meeting of the Standing Committee immediately preceding the annual meeting of the Society, three (3) members of the said committee, one of whom shall be the President, shall be appointed to represent the Standing Committee for the year following in

its business with said Trust Company, and the Secretary of the Society shall under the seal of the Society notify the said Trust Company of the appointment of such Executive Committee.

TERM OF OFFICE.

Sec. XI. All officers, delegates, alternates and members of committees shall continue in their respective authorities until others are elected or appointed in their stead.

INVESTMENTS.

Sec. XII. All investments shall be in the Securities of the United States or of the State of New Jersey, or as specially authorized by the Standing Committee.

DEBATES.

Sec. XIII. The members of the Society shall be bound in honor to keep secret any matter offered in debate or any individual opinion expressed relating to the admission of members.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Sec. XIV. Honorary members or those applying under the provisions of Rule II must be proposed at the annual meeting previous to that at which they are to be ballotted for. All elections shall be by ballot and five (5) negative votes shall be considered as a rejection of any candidate.

Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of regular members, except those of holding office and of voting. They shall have no interest in the funds of the Society and no right of succession shall attach to their membership. If any Honorary Member shall refuse or neglect to attend two (2) successive annual meetings of the Society, and no satisfactory reason shall be assigned for the same, such refusal or neglect shall be construed to be ipso facto a resignation of his membership, and the Society may thereupon proceed to declare his membership to have ceased. A copy of this by-law shall be sent to each Honorary Member.

RELIEF.

Sec. XV. All applications for relief or allowance from the State Society shall be made in writing and addressed to the Standing Committee; and such application must show that the party so applying or applied for is in necessitous circumstances and worthy of relief.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Sec. XVI. At each annual meeting the Society shall elect a committee of three (3) members, whose duty it shall be to select the place of the next meeting and to attend to the necessary arrangements.

Sec. XVII. No by-law or rule shall be altered or repealed, unless such proposed change or repeal shall have been proposed at the previous annual meeting, and be agreed to by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

CUSTOMS OF THE SOCIETY.

Sec. XVIII. The ancient customs of the Society shall remain unimpaired.

Sec. XIX. All by-laws inconsistent herewith, heretofore adopted, are hereby repealed.

RULES.

I. Where there are male descendants of an original member in the male line, the right of membership belongs to the eldest male heir of the eldest male line, but where the male line is extinct, the Society may determine which of the female line shall have the representation; and when there are no lineal descendants of an original member, a descendant of a brother or sister of the original member may succeed to the representation. Upon the death of a member, the right of succession shall descend to his eldest heir in the male line, and if the person upon whom devolves the succession, being of full age shall fail to apply for his membership within two (2) years, he shall be notified by the Secretary at his last known place of residence (a copy of this rule accompanying such notification), and if within a year thereafter he declines or omits to make said application, the right of succession may, at the option of the Society, be offered to his next male heir; and if he declines or omits to avail himself of the offer within a year the Society may determine which, if any, of the other descendants of the original member shall succeed to the representation; provided, however, if the next male heir of the person regularly entitled to the succession be a minor, the eligibility to membership being vested in him, such membership shall remain in abeyance until such disability shall cease.

II. The lineal descendants of officers of the army or navy of the Revolution, whose records are unsullied, who did not join the Society at its institution, and who are unrepresented in the Society, may be admitted to membership in this State Society, but such representation shall be upon the following conditions:

Each applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his good character and moral worth and shall pay into the Treasury of the Society the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

III. Any person claiming membership shall make written application to the Standing Committee stating clearly his claim. The Committee shall examine the same, and after receiving such proof as it thinks proper in its support, shall report to the Society, its opinion in writing. The Society reserves to itself the right to reject or pass over any application where it is deemed best for its interest to do so.

IV. No elections for members shall be held except at the annual meetings.

V. None but males of full age shall be admitted to membership. The eligibility to membership in succession devolving upon a minor, shall be deemed vested in such minor, and such membership shall remain in abeyance until the disability cease or be terminated as provided for in Rule 1.

HEREDITARY MEMBERS.

1785.

Captain Jacob Piatt was proposed as a member and his reasons for not signing the institution within the limited time being satisfactory, he was admitted.

Captain Howell was proposed as a member, and the Society being satisfied with his reasons for not signing the institution within the limited time, he was admitted.

1786.

Doctor George Campbell was proposed as a member and his reasons for not signing the institution within the limited time being satisfactory, he was admitted.

1787.

General David Foreman, who heretofore was elected as honorary member, having made it appear to the Society that he is entitled to be received as an original member, was admitted.

The Society being satisfied with the reasons for the non-attendance heretofore of Colonel John Beatty, Major John Hollinshead, Major Jeremiah Bruen, Captain Giles Mead, Captain James Anderson, Lieutenant Eli Elmer, Ensign John Hopper, Ensign Almarine Brooks, Lieutenant Anthony Reckless, and Doctor Jabez Campfield, who were within the rule of admission, admitted them accordingly.

1788.

Resolved, That Captain Daniel Baldwin is of right entitled to be a member of this Society.

Application was made by Major Ledgard to become a member of this Society, and as it appears that he was a member of the State Society of New York, he was permitted to take his seat.

It was Resolved, That in consideration of the sufferings of Captain Daniel Baldwin and his inability in consequence of such sufferings to attend at the different meetings of the Society he be excused from paying any proportion of the expenses heretofore apportioned to the different members thereof.

An application was made by Mr. Shephard Kollock to be received as a member of this Society, whereupon it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee of Claims, and that they report at the next meeting of the Society.

1789.

Resolved, That as Captain Claypoole is a member of the State Society of Pennsylvania; and that he has removed into and now resides within this State, he be admitted a member of this Society according to the Institution and take his seat.

Captain Ogden reported that the claims of William Burnet, Esq., Chief Physician of the Hospitals, comes within the second and third description

of qualifications. James Giles, Esq., Captain Lieutenant in the First Regiment of Artillery, comes within the qualification of the second description, Mr. John Kinney, Lieutenant in First New Jersey Regiment, comes within the first description of qualification; Mr. Ebenezer Stockton, Surgeon in the New Hampshire Line, and Dr. James F. Armstrong, Chaplain to the Maryland Brigade, come within the second qualification, and that they are members of Right, and that they be admitted to sign the Institution.

It was resolved that the said report, so far as it respects William Burnet, Esq., the Rev. James F. Armstrong, James Giles, Esq., and Dr. Ebenezer Stockton, be agreed to, and so far as it respects Mr. Kinney, it be postponed till our next meeting.

1791.

Major Bloomfield reported from the committee appointed to receive and report on claims of officers that application is made by Dr. William Burnet, Jr., to be admitted a member of this Society, as the successor of Major Ichabod Burnet, the said Ichabod Burnet having been an officer in the American Army until the end of the war and died without male issue, and the said Dr. William Burnet, Jr., being the eldest brother of the said Major Burnet, the committee are of opinion that Dr. William Burnet be received as of collateral branch.

Application is also made by Lieut. John Kinney, formerly of the Third New Jersey Regiment to be admitted a member of this Society, and it appearing that the said Lieutenant Kinney is within the exception extended to extraordinary cases, and that he be admitted a member of this Society.

Lieutenant Shephard Kollock, of Colonel Lamb's Regiment of Artillery, made application to be admitted a member of this Society, and it appearing that Lieutenant Kollock is within the exception extended to extraordinary cases, and that he be admitted a member of this Society. The report of the committee was agreed to.

1793.

Major John Doughty, member of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of New York, and Captain John Stotesbury, member of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Pennsylvania, having removed into the State of New Jersey, and being present, were admitted to take their seats in this Society.

Major Bloomfield from the Committee on the claim of David Lyon to be admitted a member of this Society reported that it does not appear that the Claimant was in the service of the American Army three years in the capacity of an officer.

He also reported that Lieutenant Mahlon Ford was appointed an ensign in the 3rd Jersey Regiment in the Spring of 1777, was deranged on the reform of the army, on account of his ill-health, that Mr. M. Ford's absence from this State in the western territory in the service of the United States, being within the exception mentioned in the Constitution. He is, therefore, of right a member of this Society.

1794.

Mr. Ercurius Beatty, a member of the Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania, having become a citizen of this State, and being present, was admitted to take his seat in this Society.

1795.

The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. William Lloyd, eldest brother of the late Major Richard Lloyd, deceased, who made application to be admitted a member to supply the place of Major Lloyd, deceased; as Major Lloyd left no son, and the said William Lloyd is his eldest brother, be admitted a member on paying forty dollars, being one month's pay and the interest due thereon, which was not paid by the said Major Lloyd. The Society agreed to the recommendation.

1796.

General Anthony W. White and Col. Samuel Hay, members of this Society, who have resided some time in the State of New York, at this time reside in the State of New Jersey, took their seats in this meeting.

William Lloyd, Esq., eldest brother of Maj. Richard Lloyd, deceased, having complied with the terms of the Resolution entered into at the last meeting took his seat.

1800.

Whereas, George Montgomery Ogden, eldest son of the late General Matthias Ogden, and George Clinton Barber, eldest son of the late Col. Francis Barber, are now attending and request to be admitted to membership with this Society, and it being made to appear to the Society that the said applicants are of mature age and of good characters. They were received in right of their respective fathers.

1802.

The Standing Committee are of opinion that the certificate from the New York State Society accompanying John F. Vasher's letter are satisfactory to them for his admission as a member of our Society and do recommend that he be admitted. Agreed to.

1803.

A motion was made and carried that Major Jeremiah Bruin, Captain Daniel Baldwin and Lieutenant Abraham Kinney have permission until next meeting of this Society to comply with the conditions of the institution, and that they have notice of this order.

1804.

Resolved, that the resolution agreed to on the 4th of July, 1803, respecting Jeremiah Bruin and Abraham Kinney be continued and that the Secretary be directed to transmit to them a copy of said resolution together with a copy of this resolution. And resolved that the resolution respecting Daniel Baldwin be rescinded, and that his deposit due to the Treasury be remitted.

1806.

Resolved, that the name of Major Jeremiah Bruin be stricken off the list of this Society as having never complied with one of the essential regulations of the Society, although he has been regularly called upon for this purpose.

Applications were made by Mr. Horatio Gates Phillips to be admitted as a member of this Society being the eldest male issue of Captain Jonathan Phillips deceased; for the admission of Mr. Gilbert Barton being the eldest male issue of Captain William Barton, deceased, and for the admission of Mr. Joseph Burnet being the eldest male issue of Doctor William Burnet, Jr., deceased. And it appearing that their claims are well founded and that they are of respectable standing and virtuous members of Society they were admitted.

1807.

Mr. Alexander Ross made application to be admitted as a member of this Society in the room of Major John Ross, deceased, and it appeared that the said Alexander Ross, the son of the said Major John Ross, deceased, being a reputable and virtuous citizen had a just claim to such admission. He was admitted.

Mr. Daniel L. Morrison sent in a petition and memorial requesting to be admitted a member of this Society in the right of his father, Captain Isaac Morrison, but it appeared to the committee that Captain Isaac Morrison was never entitled to membership in this Society, therefore, the petition of his son could not be granted.

1808.

Major Elias B. Dayton made application to be admitted a member of this Society in place and right of Major General Elias Dayton, deceased, and it appearing that Brigadier General Jonathan Dayton the eldest son of the said deceased is an original member of this Society; the Standing Committee do therefore give their opinion that Major Elias B. Dayton, the next eldest son of the deceased is entitled and altogether worthy of a seat in this Society. He was admitted a member.

Application having been made by Jacob Burnet, Esquire, an Honorary Member of this Society to be admitted in the place and right of Dr. William Burnet (one of the physician's general of the Army of the United States), deceased, and it appearing that William Burnet, eldest son of the said deceased, had been admitted a member in the place and right of Ichabod Burnet, who had been an original member, and that John Burnet, the next eldest son is under an incapacity to become a member; the Standing Committee, do therefore, give their opinion that Jacob Burnet, Esquire, the next in succession of the said William Burnet, deceased, is entitled to and altogether worthy of a seat in the Society in place and right of his said father. He was admitted.

1809.

Col. Abram. Kinney, being present made application to be restored to full standing as a member of the Society, whereupon, ordered that his case and representation be committed to General Dayton, Col. Kollock and Capt. Sprowles to consider and report thereon.

General Dayton from the Committee made the following report:

That as it is evident that the applicant had been under an Error in supposing that the transfer of his months pay from the funds of Connecticut, were indispensable to his admission to a membership in this Society; it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee, that further time (until the next annual meeting) ought to be allowed Col. Kinney to obtain the evidence of his being a member of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati or of his having deposited a months pay, with the agent or treasurer.

John Buck Esquire, eldest son of Lieut. Joseph Buck, late an original member made application to be admitted a member of this Society in right of his deceased father. He was admitted.

David Higbee Brearly, son of the late Col. David Brearly, deceased, an original member of this Society, made application to be admitted a member. The Standing Committee do recommend the said David H. Brearly to be a member of this Society in right of his father, Col. David Brearly, deceased. He was admitted.

1810.

Col. Abraham Kinney not having complied with the terms prescribed to him at our last meeting, it is resolved that he cannot be considered as a member of this Society.

1811.

Two applications having been brought before the Standing Committee claiming the right of Membership as successors of Col. Oliver Spencer, deceased, they beg leave to report for the decision of the Society the following state of facts:

That by the death of Col. O. Spencer his right of being a member of this Society is claimed by Oliver Spencer, Esq., of the State of Ohio, who was the second and only surviving son of the said Col. Spencer; and by Dr. Oliver H. Spencer, of New Orleans, who is the only son of Robert Spencer, who was the eldest son of the said Col. Spencer, and which Robert died in the life-time of his father.

Resolved, that Dr. Oliver H. Spencer, being the only son of the eldest male descendant of Col. Oliver Spencer, deceased, is of right entitled to take his seat as a member of this Society and that a certificate with the Register be transmitted by the Secretary to the said Doctor Oliver Hatfield Spencer.

1812.

Joseph L. Barton, the third son of Capt. Wm. Barton, late an original member made application to be admitted a member of this Society in the

place of Gilbert Barton, who was the representative of Capt. Barton. He was admitted.

1815.

William Hyer as the only surviving brother and male representative of Jacob Hyer, late an original member made application to be admitted a member of this Society in right of his said brother deceased. And it appearing satisfactory to the Committee that the said William Hyer is the only surviving brother of Jacob Hyer, who died without any male posterity and being a collateral branch of the said Jacob Hyer and judged worthy of becoming its supporter and member, he was admitted.

1816.

Richard S. Rhea, eldest son of the late General Jona. Rhea, late an original member made application to be admitted a member of this Society in right of his deceased father and the Standing Committee being well convinced from his present standing in Society that he will make a worthy member, he was admitted.

Robert L. Armstrong son of the late Rev. James F. Armstrong an original member of this Society, made application to be admitted as a member, and the Standing Committee conceiving him worthy recommended his admission in right of his father, James F. Armstrong, deceased, he was admitted.

1817.

George C. Thomas made application to be admitted a member of this Society in the room of his brother Capt. Edmond D. Thomas, deceased, and there being a son or sons of an older brother, viz.: Robinson Thomas, also deceased, who if of age might also claim a right to admission. The Committee, therefore, submit the same to the consideration of the Society, being themselves unwilling to decide thereon.

Resolved, that George C. Thomas, being a collateral branch of the said Edmond D. Thomas and judged worthy of becoming one of its members and supporters be and he is admitted a member of this Society in right of his said deceased brother.

1818.

Joseph W. Reckless, only son of the late Capt. Anthony Reckless an original member made application to be admitted a member of this Society, and the Standing Committee conceiving him worthy do recommend the said Joseph W. Reckless to be a member of this Society in right of his father, Anthony Reckless, he was admitted.

Enoch Shute, eldest brother of the late Lieut. Samuel M. Shute an original member made application to be admitted a member of this Society in right of his deceased brother, who died without leaving issue. He was admitted.

1821.

William Campfield, Esq., only son of the late Doctor Jabez Campfield made application for admission as a member in right of his father. The Standing Committee recommend that the consideration thereof be postponed.

1822.

Major John T. Plume, of Newark, made application to be admitted to membership in right of Doctor Garret Van Wagener, deceased, on a certificate of Colonel Richard Varick, President of the New York State Society of the Cincinnati, stating that Doctor Van Wagener was a member in good standing of that Society from its commencement to his death, and further on an affidavit that he has no male posterity and that he was next in right in the collateral branch. The Committee recommends that the further consideration of this application be postponed till the next meeting of the Society.

The Standing Committee satisfied from the best information they have been enabled under present circumstances to obtain that Doctor Wm. Barnet, surgeon of the first regiment of the New Jersey line had served a sufficient length of time to entitle him to an original membership of this Society, and satisfied also that he had departed this life prior to the expiration of six months after the disbandment of the Army, do therefore, recommend that the Society adopt the following resolution.

Resolved, that Isaac Cox Barnet be admitted as a member of this Society, in right of his said father, Doctor Wm. Barnet, upon his depositing in the hands of the Treasurer sixty dollars, being one months pay of a Regimental Surgeon, and the further sum of eight dollars assessed upon and paid by each for certain contingent expenses. Recommendation adopted.

1823.

Applications to be admitted to membership having been made in writing by Robert H. Cumming in right of his father General John N. Cumming; by Lewis Dunham in right of his father, Doctor Lewis Dunham; by Charles Beatty in right of his father, Col. E. Beatty and by Theophilus M. Elmer in right of his father, Eli Elmer. They were admitted. Dr. William Campfield was admitted in right of his father, Dr. Jabez Campfield.

1824.

The Committee report that they have an application from George W. Ford for admission to membership in this Society as eldest son of Major Mahlon Ford and that it appears he is worthy of becoming a member. Having examined the minutes they find a special entry at the stated meeting on the fourth of July, 1799, that a diploma should not be delivered to Major Ford until his original subscription be paid to the Treasurer; and that at present there appears no evidence on the books or otherwise that such payment has been made and they think that the said G. W. Ford should be admitted on his paying or showing that his father had paid such original subscription, which was \$26 and two-thirds of a dollar with the interest at 6 per cent. from the said 4th of July, 1799.

William Shute the son of Enoch Shute having made application in the right of his father to be admitted to membership the Committee refer the same for consideration, or further information.

Richard M. Stout, the only surviving son of Col. Wessel T. Stout, made application to be admitted to membership in right of his father, and John A. Hendry made application to be admitted as eldest son of the late Capt. Samuel Hendry. They were admitted.

Francis B. Ogden, having made application to the Standing Committee to be admitted as a member of this Society as successor of his brother, George M. Ogden, late of New Orleans and now deceased, leaving no male issue, the Committee are of opinion that the said F. B. Ogden should be admitted according to the rules of this Society. J. W. Scott, Esq., of New Brunswick, having also made application for admission as a member under the right of his father, the late Moses Scott, who was a Senior Surgeon and Physician in the Army; it is the opinion of this Committee that the said J. W. Scott should be admitted upon his depositing with the Treasurer of this Society, the amount of one months pay, being one hundred and twenty dollars and the further sum of eight dollars, which had been assessed upon, and paid by each member for contingent expenses, etc. Action postponed.

1825.

William Shute having made application to the Standing Committee for admission to membership in right of his deceased father, Enoch Shute, who was the brother and successor as a member of the Society, of Doctor Samuel Shute, deceased, the Committee beg leave to decline forming any opinion upon this application, and refer the same to the Society for their decision, with the certificates accompanying the same.

Resolved, that the consideration of the application of William Shute for membership be postponed to the next meeting of the Society; and further that a committee of three persons be appointed by the Society to report to the next meeting whether the said William Shute be strictly entitled to membership as successor of his father, Enoch Shute, deceased, who was admitted as successor of his brother Samuel M. Shute, deceased, an original member, or whether the right remains in the Society to choose between the said William Shute the applicant and any other brother of Samuel M. Shute, deceased, and that the President, the Vice-President and Robt. L. Armstrong, Esq., be the Committee for that purpose.

George Washington Ford, having at this time renewed his application for admission to membership, as eldest son of Major Mahlon Ford, and having satisfactorily shown to the Society that the original subscription has been paid by his father, it was Resolved, that he be admitted accordingly in right of his said father, Major Mahlon Ford.

The Society having taken up the report of the Standing Committee of the 25th September, 1824, which relates to the application of Francis Barber Ogden and Joseph Warren Scott.

Resolved, that Francis B. Ogden be admitted a member of this Society as successor of his brother, George Montgomery Ogden, now deceased.

And that Joseph Warren Scott be also admitted a member under the right of his father, the late Moses Scott, who was a Senior Surgeon and Physician in the Army of the Revolution, upon his complying with the requirements suggested in the Committee's report. They were admitted.

The Standing Committee report the application of Joseph Ellis Bloomfield for admission to membership, as successor to General Joseph Bloomfield, the said applicant being the eldest son of Samuel Bloomfield, the only brother of said General Bloomfield, who died without issue. And the said Standing Committee report that the said J. Ellis Bloomfield is entitled to membership and ought to be received as a member of the Society; he being by them deemed worthy thereof. He was admitted.

1826.

Application having been made by The Rev. Philip C. Hay, the son of Col. Samuel Hay in right of his father; also, of Austin Anderson, son of the Lieut. James Anderson and of Richard L. Beatty, son of General John Beatty to be admitted to membership in the Society who are of full age and judged worthy. They were admitted.

Application also having been again made by William Shute in right of his deceased father, Enoch Shute, who was the brother and successor of Doctor Samuel Shute, deceased, and it appearing to the Committee that the other brothers of Doctor Shute decline any application for membership to the Society and the said William Shute being judged worthy and being of full age, he was admitted.

1827.

William Whitlock, the eldest son of Col. Ephraim Whitlock, deceased, having made application in right of his father to be admitted to membership, and he being of full age and judged worthy, he was admitted.

William Pennington, son of the late William S. Pennington, a deceased member having made application to be admitted as a member of the Society in right of his father, and it appearing that the said applicant is the eldest surviving son of his father, but that the late W. S. Pennington, had another son, named James, elder than the applicant, which said James died in the lifetime of his father, leaving a minor son named Adolphus, now living, aged thirteen years. The Committee feel constrained by the high sense they entertain of the distinguished worth of the applicant, to refer the above application to the consideration of the Society, while at the same time they cannot refrain from the expression of their opinion, that by the rules of the Society, the applicant cannot now be admitted as a member.

The Society having taken up the report of the Standing Committee, which relates to William Pennington, Esq., it was resolved, that by the rules of this Society, the applicant cannot now be admitted a member.

1828.

The Committee report that a certificate was laid before them from Thomas J. Rogers and many others in support of the application of Cassius Burrows, heretofore made to be admitted as a member as successor to his

deceased father, Captain Eden Burrows. The Committee do therefore recommend him the said Cassius Burrows to be received as a member in direct lineal succession. He was admitted.

Matthias O. Dayton having made application for membership to this Society in the right of General Jonathan Dayton, deceased, an original member. It appeared that General Jonathan Dayton has left no male issue, that William Dayton is his oldest brother in succession, that he declines making application for a seat in this Society and that the applicant, Matthias O. Dayton is his oldest son, that he is of good moral and respectable character. The Standing Committee think proper therefore, to recommend him to the Society as a member out of lineal succession, and as a collateral. The Society postponed the consideration of this application until the next annual meeting of the Society.

1832.

William V. Heard the only son of the deceased Gen. John Heard, made application that he be admitted a member of the Society in the room of his deceased father an original member. He was admitted.

George H. Burgin, M.D., the grandson of Capt. Seth Bowen, deceased, made application that he be admitted a member of this Society in the room of his deceased grandfather. As there is no male posterity of the said Seth Bowen, except the applicant and he is the oldest son of the oldest daughter of the said Seth Bowen, his admission was postponed to the next meeting.

Aaron O. Dayton made application that he be admitted a member of this Society in the room of his deceased uncle, Gen. Jonathan Dayton. It appears that the applicant is the second son of Elias B. Dayton, Esq., the brother of the deceased Gen. Jonathan Dayton, and that there is no male issue or posterity of Gen. Jonathan Dayton, except the issue of his daughters. The lineal succession is therefore gone, and as among collaterals, the Society are authorized to select the most worthy. He was admitted.

Wm. C. Dehart made application that he be admitted a member of this Society in the room of his deceased father, Capt. Cyrus Dehart, an original member. It appears that the applicant is the oldest son of the deceased Capt. Cyrus Dehart and that he is fully entitled to admission as successor to his said father. He was admitted.

Francis Barber made application that he be admitted a member of this Society in the room of his deceased father, George C. Barber, Esq.

It appears that the applicant is the oldest son of the deceased George C. Barber, Esq., and that he is fully entitled to admission as successor to his deceased father. He was admitted.

Forman Walker made application to be admitted as a member, alleging himself to be the brother of Lieut. George Walker, deceased, who died without issue. There is no satisfactory evidence that the applicant is the brother of the deceased Lieut. George Walker, nor is it known what other collaterals there are of the deceased or in what degrees. For defect of evidence, therefore, action upon this application is postponed. Recommendations were agreed to.

1833.

Resolved, that J. J. Plume nor no other member of the Cincinnati Society of any other State be allowed to be a member of this Society at any future period, and that the name of J. J. Plume be erased from this Society as a regular member. This resolution was referred to a committee.

1834.

* The resolution that Wm. Pennington, Esq., be admitted a member of this Society was referred to the Committee respecting canons or rules of succession. The committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to J. J. Plume reported that they have had the matter so referred to them under consideration, that they find that John J. Plume has been regularly admitted as a member of the State Society of Cincinnati of New York, but as they do not certainly know the footing upon which members of this Society changing their residence to New York are received in the Society of that State, they recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that a Committee of three persons be appointed to confer with the Society of Cincinnati of the State of New York for the purpose of ascertaining the footing upon which they admit the member of this Society, changing their residence to that State, and the grounds upon which their course is founded, and that the said Committee report to the Society at its next meeting.

Resolved, That the President cause a copy of this resolution to be transmitted to the President of the New York Society and that he at the same time address to him a letter requesting that such corresponding measures may be adopted on the part of that Society as will further the design of the said resolution.

Messrs. Pennington, Scott and Thomas were appointed to confer with the New York Society, and Messrs. Wall, Armstrong and Southard with the Pennsylvania Society.

Application having been made by Charles J. F. T. Hendry, the eldest son of Doctor John A. Hendry, deceased, in right of his father, to be admitted to membership, and he being of full age and judged worthy was duly admitted.

1835.

John Kinney made application for admission into the Society as a member in right of his father, Col. John Kinney, deceased, an original member, it was resolved, that the application be postponed for further information.

John T. Halsey made application for admission into the Society as a member in right of his father, Luther Halsey, deceased, but the applicant not being the eldest son of the deceased, and an elder son being still living, he was being the eldest son of the deceased, and an elder son being still living, he was not admitted. Rev. Luther Halsey was admitted in right of his father, Luther Halsey.

* See honorary members.—W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.

1836.

Robert D. Spencer made written application for admission as a member of this Society. It appears to the Society that the applicant is the eldest son of Dr. Oliver H. Spencer, deceased, formerly a member of this Society and successor of Col. Oliver H. Spencer, deceased, an original member. Robt. D. Spencer was admitted a member of this Society in strict lineal right.

James A. Pennington has applied for admission into this Society as a regular member thereof. It appears that the applicant is the only son of James Pennington, deceased, who was the eldest son of William S. Pennington, Esq., deceased, an original member of this Society. He was admitted.

1837.

Wm. Llyod, Jr., made written application to be admitted a member of this Society.

It appears that Major Richard Lloyd, an officer of the Army, was an original member of this Society, that at his death his eldest brother, William Lloyd, was admitted a member of this Society, being eldest brother of the said Major Richard Lloyd, he having died without issue. It further appears that the applicant is the oldest son of the said William Lloyd, the late member, who is now deceased. William Lloyd, Jr., was admitted a member of this Society not in lineal right, but as a collateral worthy to become a member.

1839.

Matthias Ogden, the eldest son of the late Col. Aaron Ogden and James F. Armstrong, the eldest son of the late Reverend James F. Armstrong, original members of this Society, have applied for admission into this Society as members. As they are in strict lineal descent and right, they were admitted.

1840.

John McDowell, Jr., applied for admission into this Society as a regular member in lineal descent.

It appears that the applicant is the eldest son of Isaac Kollock, deceased, who was the second son of the late Shephard Kollock, one of the original members of this Society. That Dr. Henry Kollock, oldest son of the said Shephard Kollock, died about twenty years ago without issue. That the applicant having been adopted into the family of the Rev. Dr. McDowell, caused his name to be changed to McDowell, and that for near twenty years he has not been known by the name of Kollock, but that he has borne and does now bear the name of McDowell, that he is of good moral and respectable character. He is fairly entitled to a seat in this Society in strict lineal succession. He was admitted.

1841.

The following names were presented for admission to membership: Aaron F. Walker, of Monmouth; J. W. Wall, of Burlington, and Samuel Allen, of Pennsylvania.

The Committee found difficulties in the way of deciding upon each,

which made it necessary for them to postpone the subject to another period and the Committee unanimously resolved to recommend that a Committee of two be chosen by the Society, which shall receive and investigate the claims and pretensions of the above applicants and report the result of their examination at the next annual meeting of the Society.

1842.

Mr. Walker was admitted to membership in right of his brother and Alex. C. Hyer in right of his father.

1845.

The Committee report in favor of the applications of Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer and John Buck, and for the consideration of the Society the cases of G. D. Baldwin and Mr. Burnet.

The Hon. Lucius Q. C. Elmer was admitted to membership in right of his deceased father, Gen. Ebenezer Elmer, and Mr. John Buck, also admitted in right of his father.

The application of Mr. G. D. Baldwin for admission to membership was referred to Capt. Dehart, Mr. Thomas and Gov. Pennington, and the case of a collateral successor to the late Capt. Joseph Burnet was referred to Gen. Wall, Mr. Elmer and Mr. Spencer.

1846.

The Committee report that numerous applications have been made to the Standing Committee for Membership, but as the facts and rights of the applicants are doubtful the Committee would recommend that a Special Committee be appointed to investigate these claims and to report to the next meeting of the Society.

The applications for admission to membership were referred to Messrs. Thomas, Ogden and Spencer.

1847.

Charles T. Stewart made application for membership in right of his grandfather, Charles T. Stewart, a Commissary in the Army of the Revolution.

It appears that he is the lineal male descendant of the said Charles T. Stewart, and would be entitled to membership had his grandfather been an original member of this Society. This however, was not done, and although the applicant is now willing to pay into our Treasury the monthly pay of his grandfather, yet the Committee are of the opinion that under our Constitution, he is not entitled to membership, but in consequence of his peculiar situation we do cheerfully recommend that he be made an Honorary Member of our Society.

James G. Hampton has applied to be admitted a member of our Society. It appearing, however, that he is son of a daughter of Gen. James Giles, deceased, his grandfather under whom he claims, and who left no male issue. As there have some doubts arisen among some of the members of our Society whether persons claiming to be admitted members thereof through a

female line, are not entitled to membership, the Committee would therefore prefer to leave this question to the judgment of the Society, trusting that they will adopt measures to put at rest this ever agitating and interesting subject.

1849.

Application having been made by the Rev. Doctor Davison to be admitted as a member of this Society, the Committee are of opinion that there are not sufficient facts to warrant his admission to membership.

Anthony Reckless a second son of Joseph W. Reckless, deceased, formerly a member of this Society applied for membership in this Society; but as the facts set forth to entitle him thereto are altogether novel in their character, the Committee beg leave to refer the case to the Society.

1853.

Edward Ford made application to be admitted as a member of this Society, in right of his father the late Washington Ford, who was the son of Mahlon Ford, deceased, an original member of this Society.

A Committee was appointed to report at the next meeting of the Society.

1854.

The Standing Committee report that C. F. Hendry, who has made application to be admitted a member of this Society, and who has stated in his application, that he was admitted in 1834, and of which no evidence has been introduced, before the Committee, but which they think is the case, be considered for the present as a member of this Society, and recommend that a Committee be appointed to examine into the matter, and report thereon to the next annual meeting.

1855.

On motion the Society went into consideration of the Resolutions relative to the succession and admission of members "adopted by the General Society of Cincinnati, at their Triennial Meeting held in Baltimore, on the 17th day of May, 1854, and recommended by them for adoption by the several State Societies, and which resolutions are in the words following:

1. Resolved, that each State Society shall have the full right and power to regulate the admission of members, both as to the qualifications of members, and the terms of admission, provided that admission be confined to the male descendants of original members, or of those who are now members (including collateral branches, as contemplated by the original constitution), or to the male descendants of such officers of the Army or Navy, as may have been entitled to admission, but who failed to avail themselves thereof, within the time limited by the Constitution, or to the male descendants of such officers of the Army or Navy of the Revolution, as may have resigned with honor, or left the service with reputation, or to the male collateral relations of any officer, who died in service, without leaving any issue.

* See hereditary members, 1864.—W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.

2. Resolved, that the male descendants of those, who were members of the State Societies, which have been dissolved, may be admitted into existing Societies, upon such terms as those Societies think proper to prescribe.

3. Resolved, That the foregoing Resolutions be proposed to the several State Societies, and their assent be requested thereto, and upon assent given by each of the remaining Societies, the Secretary General shall issue notice thereof to each Society, and thereupon the said Resolutions shall become operative and each State Society shall be at liberty to act upon the power given thereby.

It was thereupon, Resolved, that the New Jersey State Society of Cincinnati do not assent to the above Resolutions, passed by the General Society of Cincinnati.

1856.

The Standing Committee reported that William Buck, of Philadelphia, is entitled to be received as a member of the Society in the place of his brother John Buck, deceased, he was admitted.

Alexander M. Cumming, brother of the late Robt. H. Cumming, deceased, and son of Gen. John Cumming, an original member of this Society having applied to become a member thereof, he was admitted.

1857.

Wessel T. Stout made application for membership of this Society in consequence of the death of his father, Richard M. Stout, he being his eldest son, he was admitted.

1859.

Wm. Pennington having resigned his appointment as an Honorary Member of this Society, and Adolphus Pennington formerly a member, having deceased since the last meeting and William Pennington requesting to be made a member in right of said Adolphus Pennington, he was admitted a member.

Mr. Anthony Reckless, son of Joseph W. Reckless a member (deceased), applied for admission as member of this Society in place of his father. It appears that he is a second son (the first son not having made application and having resigned in favor of his brother and requesting that he may be appointed) the Committee recommend that under the circumstances of the case that he be not admitted.

Clifford Sims, having applied to become a member of this Society, the Committee after having examined the merits of the same do not think that he is entitled to membership and refer the matter to the Society.

Mr. Elmer moved that the admission of Messrs. Reckless and Sims be laid over to the next meeting of the Society.

1860.

Mr. S. D. Phillips, of Dayton, Ohio, made application for membership in the place of his father, the late Horatio Gates Phillips; also Mr. John H. Polhemus, of Mount Holly, grandson of the late John Polhemus, both of which are deemed worthy and they were admitted. The following applications for membership were laid over till the next meeting:

Richard C. Shreeve, of Mount Holly, N. J.; Frederick B. Ogden, of Hoboken, N. J.; Clifford S. Sims, of Philadelphia, and Wm. R. Allen, of Mount Holly, N. J.

1861.

E. B. Dayton Ogden having made application for membership in place of his brother the late Matthias Ogden; the Committee recommend that he be admitted a member of this Society, he was admitted.

The application of Clifford Stanley Sims having been considered he was admitted as a member of this Society in the right of Lieut. Col. John Ross, deceased.

1862.

William Russel Allen having applied for admission to the Society to succeed his great grandfather, Major Richard Cox, formerly treasurer of this Society, after due consideration he was admitted.

Richard C. Shreeve having applied for admission to the Society to succeed his grandfather, Major Richard Cox, the Standing Committee after due consideration recommend that he be not admitted.

Application of Frederick B. Ogden for membership was postponed till the next meeting of the Society.

1863.

James P. Thomas applied for admission to this Society to succeed his father, George C. Thomas our late Vice-President, he was admitted.

Robert Morris Boggs applied for admission to this Society he being the eldest grandson of Dr. Lewis Dunham an original member, Dr. Lewis Dunham, Jr., having died without issue, the male line became extinct.

The Committee refer the case to the Society, together with the application for membership of Joshua E. Ford, of Aloppe, Syria. It being found that he was the only son of George Washington Ford and grandson of Major Mahlon Ford an original member, he was admitted a member of this Society.

The application of Robt. Morris Boggs was on motion referred to a Select Committee of three, to report to the Society at its next meeting.

1864.

Application for membership on behalf of Richard W. Stites of Morris-town, N. J., claiming through his grandfather, Richard Stites an officer of the New Jersey Grenadiers from Elizabeth, N. J., who it is represented was killed before the formation of the Society is not recommended by the Committee.

An application of Adolphus P. Young for the seat of Adolphus Pennington was presented. As his seat has been given to the late Hon. Wm. Pennington, now deceased, who has a son living; the Committee cannot recommend the application.

The Committee appointed to investigate the facts in relation to the application of Robt. Morris Boggs. presented a written report of facts connected

with the case recommending his admission as a member of this Society. He was admitted.

It appearing by reference to the minutes of this Society, July 4, 1853,* that Edward Ford was admitted to the Society in the right of his father, Washington Ford, it was ordered that the admission of Joshua E. Ford, July 4, 1863, being as supposed one and the same person be annulled.

1865.

An application for membership was presented on behalf of William B. Dayton, claiming as the representative of Gen. Elias Dayton, through his grandfather, Elias B. Dayton and his uncle, Thos. B. C. Dayton, recently deceased, leaving no children; also an application from Frederick B. Ogden for membership through his father, E. B. Dayton Ogden; also an application from W. S. Pennington eldest son of the late Wm. Pennington, which applicants the Committee recommend be admitted. They were admitted.

1866.

The application of Jos. B. Stafford having reached the Committee too late for examination it is referred to the Society for their action. Action deferred.

1867.

An application for membership was presented in favor of Francis Barber Ogden, as the representative of late Col. Francis Barber Ogden and it is recommended that he be admitted. He was admitted.

The Committee recommend that the application of Samuel B. Stafford for membership be laid over until he be admitted a member of the State Society of Massachusetts, and properly transferred to this Society.

The application of Thomas H. Green, of New York, was laid over until the next meeting and Mr. Lloyd appointed to investigate the case.

The application of John Clarke Sims, Jr., for membership postponed until next meeting.

1868.

The application of Thomas H. Green, of New York, which was laid over at last meeting, and referred to Mr. Lloyd for investigation, having been reported upon adversely by Mr. Lloyd upon the ground of his grandfather being an Honorary Member only, it is recommended that such application be rejected.

The application of John Clarke Sims, Jr., as the representative of Alexander Ross, M.D., a surgeon in the New Jersey line, who died before the close of the war, having been duly considered by the Committee, it is recommended that he be admitted subject to the provisions of the (2d) Rule for Admission of Members, adopted, July 4, 1867, viz.: Upon payment into the Treasury of

* There is no record of Edward Ford's admission at this date.—W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.

the Society a sum equivalent to the amount contributed by an original member of the rank of the ancestor from whom he claims descent, or in whose right he claims membership, with six per cent. per annum on the same from the date of the organization of the Society to the time of his admission.

An application being made by William C. Dehart as the eldest surviving son of Capt. Wm. C. Dehart, son of Capt. Cyrus Dehart, an original member of the New Jersey State Society, he was admitted.

John Clarke Sims, Jr., made application for membership in the Society, which was favorably reported upon by the Standing Committee, and was assented to by the Society to take effect upon compliance with the provisions of the (2d) Rule.

1869.

The following applications have been made to its Standing Committee for admission to the Society and after due consideration of the claims presented by each applicant, their admission is respectfully recommended.

Francis Buck McDowell, M.D., only son of John McDowell, Jr., deceased, late Treasurer of the Society, as representative of Captain Shephard Kollock.

James R. Walker, son of Aaron F. Walker, deceased, as representative of Captain George Walker.

Chas. W. Hornblower, son of Mrs. Mary B. Hornblower, daughter of Dr. Wm. Burnett, Jr., as representative of Dr. Wm. Burnett, Jr.

Edward R. Pennington, only surviving son of the late William Pennington, and brother of Wm. S. Pennington, lately deceased, as representative of Capt. William Sanford Pennington. They were admitted.

1870.

The following applications for admission as Members of the Society were presented to your Committee, and after due consideration of the claims made by each applicant, their admission is recommended, viz.: James W. Wall, as the oldest surviving male representative and Grandson of Brevet Captain Jonathan Rhea.

William H. Hornblower, great Grandson of Surgeon General William Burnet, as representative of General William Burnet.

William C. Spencer only son of Robert D. Spencer, deceased, as representative of Col. Oliver Spencer. They were admitted.

1871.

Applications for admission to membership in the Society have been presented to your Committee by Isaac C. Thomas in right of his father, James Provoost Thomas, lately deceased, and Joseph Griffiths Scott, as eldest son of the late President Col. Joseph Warren Scott. They were admitted.

Your Committee have also received an application for admission into the New Jersey State Society from Edward W. West, a resident at present, of Bergen, N. J., who claims such admission as representative of one Lieut.

Hardy Pierce, killed at Fort Lee in 1776, which application is after due consideration, respectfully referred to the Society for action, and without recommendation.

The application of Edward W. West, referred by the Committee to the Society for its action, it was ordered that the application be returned to Mr. West by the Secretary, with advice that this State Society cannot recognize any valid claim on his part to membership and that his application is accordingly rejected.

1872.

Your Committee have received applications for admission to the Society from: Commodore John C. Howell as representative of his grandfather, Major Richard Howell, an officer in the Revolutionary Army and late Governor of this State. And from A. Ogden Dayton as the representative of his father, Aaron Ogden Dayton, deceased, late a member of this Society. They were admitted.

1873.

Herman Burgin was unanimously elected to membership. He was the great grandson of Seth Bowen an original member.

Col. Cumming presented an application for membership on behalf of Peter D. Vroom, Jr., which was on motion of Mr. Sims referred to the Standing Committee in Special Session, who reported as follows:

As no written application has been received from Peter D. Vroom, Jr., son of Matilda Wall, and great grandson of Col. Jonathan Rhea, therefore, the Committee under the rules of the Society are unable to act.

1874.

The Standing Committee have received an application for admission to the Society from Peter D. Vroom, son of Matilda Wall, and great grandson of Col. Jonathan Rhea, an original member, and recommend his admission. He was admitted.

1875.

Your Committee report that John Clarke Sims, Jr., great great grandson of Alexander Ross, M.D., a surgeon in the New Jersey line, who died before the close of the war, was in the year 1868, elected a member of this Society, subject to the Rule (No. 2) for admission of members, and has duly qualified by the payment of \$250. He was admitted.

Your Committee have received an application for admission to the Society from William R. Bloomfield, son of Joseph Ellis Bloomfield, and representative of General Joseph Bloomfield, an original member and recommend his admission. He was admitted.

An application for membership from Mr. Ogden Armstrong was presented to the Society, and was referred to the Standing Committee.

1876.

The Standing Committee have received the following applications for admission to the Society and recommend their admission.

John H. Piatt, great grandson of Capt. Jacob Piatt, an original member.

John B. Piatt, grandson of Capt. William Piatt, an original member.

Ogden Armstrong, great grandson of Chaplain James Francis Armstrong, an original member.

William W. Ballard, nephew of Capt. Jeremiah Ballard, an original member.

They have also received an application from John Fitch, great grandson of Capt. Andrew Fitch, of the Fourth Connecticut, Continental Line, who applies for admission under Rule (No. 2), and they recommend his admission, subject to the payment of the sum of \$250.

Messrs. John H. Piatt, John B. Piatt, Ogden Armstrong and William W. Ballard, were elected members of the Society, and on motion that portion of Rule (No. 5), requiring those applying under the provisions of the Second Rule, to be proposed at an annual meeting previous to that at which they are to be balloted for, being suspended. Mr. John Fitch was elected a member of the Society.

1877.

The Standing Committee have received the following applications for admission to the Society.

Commodore Charles H. Baldwin, U.S.N., surviving grandson to Capt. Daniel Baldwin, an original member. He was admitted.

Timothy Matlack Cheesman, M.D., grandnephew of Capt. Jacob Cheesman, of New York, who was killed simultaneously with General Montgomery at the storming of Quebec. Dr. Cheesman applies for admission under Rule (No. 2), regulating the admission of members. His admission is recommended.

Timothy Matlack Cheesman, M. D., was elected subject to compliance with the provisions of Rule (No. 2), Rule (No. 5), being by unanimous consent suspended.

1878.

The Standing Committee notice in the official report of the Secretary General of the late meeting of the General Society in Philadelphia, a certain resolution, which involves the dignity and rights of this State Society, and therefore, after much deliberation recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Society of the Cincinnati, feel compelled to notice the reference by the General Society, to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances of a resolution questioning the validity of the admission to and membership in this Society of Dr. T. Matlack Cheesman, and in reference to the said resolution, to state that Doctor Cheesman was regu-

larly admitted to membership in this Society and is a member under and by virtue of certain rules and regulations, which this Society has seen fit and proper to adopt, and that, therefore, this Society denies the right of any other body to question its action in the premises.

Resolved, that the Secretary is directed to transmit copies of these resolutions to the Secretary General and to Dr. Cheesman.

1879.

The Standing Committee has received the following application for admission to the Society. Horace Phillips, only son of Jonathan Dickinson Phillips a member of this Society and great grandson of Capt. Jonathan Phillips, an original member, and having examined the same recommend his admission. He was admitted.

1880.

The Standing Committee have received the following applications for admission to the Society:

Almarin Brooks Paul, grandson of Ensign Almarin Brooks. He was admitted.

Richard Stockton Cumming, grandson of Lieut. Col. John Noble Cumming. He was admitted.

Anthony Reckless, grandson of Lieut. Anthony Reckless, referred for further information, the application not stating whether he is the eldest son of Joseph Warren Reckless.

S. Frost Johnson, application under Rule (No. 2), as representative of Major Richard Johnson and Quarter Master Nathaniel Ogden, laid over under the rule.

1881.

The Standing Committee have received the following applications for admission to the Society:

1. Conway H. Arnold, Lieut. commanding U.S.S. Wyandotte, great grandson of Lieut. Col. John Conway.

2. Alexander Chambers Hyer, grand nephew of Ensign Jacob Hyer.

3. Franklin Anderson Heard, grandson of Capt. John Heard. They find that there are no descendants in the male line of Lieut. Col. John Conway, and they therefore, recommend the admission of the applicant, under the right reserved by the Society to choose from among the descendants in the female lines and the one to be admitted. They also recommend the admission of Franklin Anderson Heard, he being the eldest son of William B. Heard. In regard to the application of Alexander Chambers Hyer, the Committee would report that it is their opinion he is entitled to admission, being the eldest son of Alexander Chambers Hyer, who was admitted in 1842. They were admitted.

Your Committee would report that by the death of William Berrian Dayton, his only son Hughes Dayton, now aged seven years, becomes the heir and representative of his great great grandfather Brigadier General Elias Dayton.

Your Committee are in receipt of the following communication from the Hon. John Fitch:

NEW YORK, 12TH MAY, 1881.

TO THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

The petition of John Fitch, respectfully shows that the undersigned was elected a member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, under Rule 2, for the admission of members, as heir and representative of Captain Andrew Fitch, 4th Regt. Connecticut Infantry. It has since come to the knowledge of your petitioner that his great grandfather, the said Captain Andrew Fitch, was an original member of the Connecticut State Society, as shown in the annexed certificate, he therefore, begs that the record be amended so as to read that he was admitted as heir and representative of Captain Andrew Fitch. The Connecticut Society being at this time dormant.

(Signed) JOHN FITCH,
Fifth Avenue Hotel,

(Certificate) New York.
United States Court Building.

New York, 12th May, 1881.

F. B. OGDEN, ESQ.,

Secretary New Jersey State Society Cincinnati.

DEAR SIR:

In a personal examination by me made of the rolls of the Connecticut Society of Cincinnati (Original), deposited with the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford shown me in April, 1880, by the Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull, LL.D., President of the Society, I found the name of Capt. Andrew Fitch, 4th Regt. Conn. Cont. Infantry as among the original members and that he does not appear to have attended other meetings than the one in which he was admitted.

Very respectfully yours,

ASA BIRD GARDNER,
Assistant Secretary R. I. Society.

Your Committee suggest acceptance and advise amendment of roll accordingly. Record was amended.
1882.

The Standing Committee would respectfully suggest the passage of the following resolutions:

Whereas, At the annual meeting held in 1868, John Clarke Sims, Jr., was admitted a member of the Society under the provisions of Rule 2d regarding

membership, as the great great grandson of Alexander Ross, M.D., who, it was averred by the affidavit of the late Zachariah Read had been a surgeon in the Continental Army.

And, Whereas, While it is impossible to prove that the said Alexander Ross, was not an officer as stated, and while the affidavit of Zachariah Read referring to the statements of those who were contemporaries of the said Alexander Ross, would go far to prove that he was in some manner connected with the military service during the Revolution. Yet as it is more than probable that he may have been confounded with his son, Dr. John Ross, who was Brigadier Major of the New Jersey Brigade, Continental Army, and an original member of the Society.

And, Whereas, The Society acted in good faith in receiving the statements made in the said affidavit, and the said John Clarke Sims, Jr., acted in equally good faith, believing as he did the said statements, and complied with the terms of his admission to membership under the said Rule 2d by paying into the Treasury of the Society in 1875, the sum of \$250, and has been since and is now a member of the Society in good standing.

And, Whereas, It is known that the said Alexander Ross was a firm adherent and well wisher of the patriotic cause in the Revolution and that it is more than probable that he did render valuable service to the cause of liberty.

Now, Therefore, In view of the facts hereinbefore set forth and to avoid any hardship or injustice to the said John Clarke Sims, Jr., be it;

Resolved, That the said John Clarke Sims, Jr., being a great grandson of Major John Ross, who was an original member of the Society, be (in lieu of the action had in 1868 as aforesaid), now admitted a member of the Society, with all the rights and privileges of membership, including succession thereto.

Resolved, That this action being had for the purpose only of confirming the said John Clarke Sims, Jr., as a member (and not as a precedent), that his name appear on the roll of the Society with the date of his admission as heretofore.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to make proper marginal references to this action upon the minutes of the annual meetings held in 1868 and 1875.

1883.

The following applications having been received by the Standing Committee and their admission recommended:

1. Paul Augustine Hendry, eldest son of Charles Fox Hendry by right of Capt. Samuel Hendry, an original member.
2. Reverend Doctor Samuel Moore Shute, eldest son of William Shute, by right of Brevet Captain Samuel Moore Shute, an original member.
3. Charles Clinton Beatty, great grandnephew of Captain Erkuries Beatty an original member, of whom by the death of the late Rev. Dr. Charles C. Beatty, there are now no lineal heirs. They were admitted.

4. Anthony Reckless, the grandson of Lieut. Anthony Reckless, an original member. The applicant is a younger son of Joseph Woodward Reckless, an Hereditary Member, his elder brother, Joseph D. Reckless, in the year 1849, declined in his favor and since that date the seat has been vacant, no application having been made therefore. Under these circumstances your Committee recommend his admission. He was admitted.

5. Within Rule 2, from Arthur Ryerson, grandson of Lieut. Thomas Ryerson, 2d Regt., N. J. Cont. Infantry. The proofs submitted show that the applicant is the eldest male heir and representative of the said Lieut. Thomas Ryerson, who it is satisfactorily established served as an officer for upwards of three years. In view of these facts the Committee would recommend this application to the favorable consideration of the Society. Rule suspended. He was admitted.

6. The Committee have also received an application under Rule 2, above referred to from Mr. William Belden claiming to be the great great grandson of Captain Ezekiel Belden, of the Connecticut line, an original member of the Society at one time existing in that State. It appears from the papers submitted in this case that the applicant is not the eldest male heir of the officer from whom he claims descent, the father of the applicant being a younger son of the grandson of Captain Ezekiel Belden above referred to, and the carrier of this applicant the son of the eldest son of the grandson of the officer on account of whose services the claim is based, being now living. As this claim is not founded on the descent of the applicant from an officer, who served in the New Jersey Line and more particularly as the applicant is not in any event the eldest male heir of the officer from whom he claims descent, this Committee recommend that the whole matter be placed in the hands of the Secretary for further particulars. Adopted.

1884.

Your Committee having received the following applications for admission to the Society :

Robert W. Burnet as representative of Surgeon Wm. Burnet; Nathan Ford as representative of Capt. Mahlon Ford; Edw. Don Griffin as representative of Col. David Forman; Luther F. Halsey as representative of Capt. Luther Halsey; Henry S. Harris as representative of Surgeon Jacob Harris; James Sterling Hollinshead as representative of Major John Hollinshead; William R. Kinney as representative of Capt. John Kinney; Enoch Anson Moore as representative of Surgeon Eben Elmer; Edw. Polhemus as representative of Major John Polhemus; Chas. Herbert Sargent as representative of Lieut. Eli Elmer; William Ridgway Shreve as representative of Col. Israel Shreve; Rev. Dr. Joseph Farrand Tuttle as representative of Ensign Wm. Tuttle.

John Coddington Kinney as representative of Capt. N. Fitz Randolph, which application is made under the provisions of the Institution provided that as a testimony of affection to the memory of such officers as have died in the service their eldest male branches shall have the same right of

becoming members, as the children of the actual members of the Society. The applicant under Rule 2, pays the funds of the Society the sum of \$250.

William Lester Donnell as representative of Capt. Nathl. Donnell; Thomas Talmage Kinney as representative of Lieut. Abraham Kinney.

Edward Bird Grub as representative of Capt. Peter Grub. This applicant under Rule No. 2, pays into the Treasury the sum of \$500.

And after a careful consideration of the claims of these gentlemen and their fitness for membership in this Society they cordially recommend their admission. They were admitted.

Your Committee further report that satisfactory documentary evidence, which is herewith submitted having been presented to them relative to the services of Dr. Alexander Ross as a Hospital Physician and Surgeon in the Continental Line, and his consequent eligibility to be represented in this Society, and they having duly and carefully considered the same they recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the preamble and resolutions adopted 4th July, 1882, in relation to the representation of Surgeon Alexander Ross, be and are hereby rescinded and said representation restored to its original status.

Appendix being papers in the case of Surgeon Alexander Ross, referred to in the above report:

PHILADELPHIA, 5TH MARCH, 1884.

FRANCIS BARBER OGDEN, ESQ.,

Secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati in State of New Jersey:

MY DEAR SIR:

Referring to the letter addressed to you regarding the Alexander Ross case, under date of December 6th, 1883, by Major A. B. Gardner, Judge Advocate U.S.A. and Asst. Sec'y. of the Rhode Island State Society of the Cincinnati, I desire to submit some observations in relation to the matter in question. A brief history of the case is that in 1868, John Clarke Sims, Jr., was admitted to membership in the New Jersey State Society of the Cincinnati as great great grandson of Alexander Ross, who, it was stated by the affidavit of Dr. Zachariah Read, had served as a surgeon in the Revolutionary Army and died May 10, 1780. This affidavit was the only evidence submitted and subsequently some question was raised as to its sufficiency. The letter of Major Gardner, above referred to gives a clear account of the state of affairs in New Jersey in 1779-80, and of the organization of the Continental Medical service, and expresses the belief that Alexander Ross served as stated in the affidavit of Dr. Zachariah Reed, as Major Gardner has been a close investigator of the records of the Revolutionary officers, and has spent a number of years in such researches, an opinion from him is entitled to great weight. I desire to call attention to two points, namely: First, that the professional standing of Alexander Ross was such as to render him so prominent as a physician, that his sympathies being with the patriotic rank, it followed as a rational conclusion that his professional services would be sought for by the military authorities, and be willingly given by him; and Second, that the

family and social relations of Dr. Zachariah Read were such as to place within his reach knowledge or information of Alexander Ross, that is entitled to be received with absolute credence. As to the first point, I desire to refer to the following extract from History of Medicine and Medical Men in New Jersey, page 378. "Dr. Ross was one of the most prominent and skillful medical men of South Jersey, at the time in which he lived. He rode over a large extent of country, on an old black mare, with his saddle bags stuffed with medicines, and required two weeks, generally to make each of his patients a visit." To the foregoing, I wish to add the statement that Alexander Ross was a graduate of medicine of the University of Edinburgh and to call attention to the fact that in his day in New Jersey the greater number of the practitioners of medicine were not graduates of any school. So much for the professional standing of Alexander Ross. Now, as to his sympathies, it cannot be questioned that he was loyal to the patriotic cause when his only son and his son-in-law, Major John Ross and Major Richard Cox were officers in the Continental Army. It is interesting to note here that Major John Ross, married July 8, 1778, at Egg Harbor, N. J., Mary Brainerd. The only child of that Rev. John Brainerd who, in 1776, had preached at Blackwoodtown, N. J., a sermon glowing with patriotism, appealing to the people to enlist and fight for their country, the text being, Psalm CXLIV., 1: "Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight"; and that Egg Harbor was the home of the Hon. Elijah Clark, the warm personal friend of John Brainerd, a member of the Provincial Congress and Lieut. Col. of the 2d Batt. of Gloucester Co., whose youngest son John Lardner Clark, married, August 1, 1797, the eldest daughter of Major John Ross; the daughter of this marriage was the mother of John Clarke Sims, Jr., the claimant admitted to membership in 1868, as before stated. As to the second point, Dr. Zachariah Read was the grandson of Joseph Read, who was born in 1739, and died in 1814, and whose wife Martha, who was born in 1753, and died in 1830, was the daughter of Zachariah Rossell, whose second wife was Elizabeth Ross, the widow of Alexander Ross; she died in 1807, aged 74 years; the parents of Dr. Zachariah Read were Samuel J. Read, who was born in 1771, and died in 1856, and Sarah, daughter of Dr. Stacy Budd. She was born in 1781 and died in 1851. Dr. Stacy Budd was born in 1740, and died in 1804, and from the history of Medicine and Medical men in New Jersey above quoted, page 179, it is learned that he studied medicine with Dr. Alexander Ross in Burlington. All the persons above named lived in Mount Holly, N. J. Dr. Zachariah Read, was born in 1808, graduated in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1830, and after practising the profession in Mount Holly for over forty years died there in 1879. During all his long life; he was interested in the early local history of the neighborhood of his home, and gave much of his spare time to the collection of facts concerning it. Now to review the matter, it is evident that the service of a physician of the prominence of Alexander Ross, would have been eagerly sought for, when, as Major Gardner states, the demand for medical attendance became most urgent, and the few whig practitioners in New Jersey were called upon and could not decline to serve, and with two of his

family in the patriot army, he could not have failed to render his services to the cause in which his sympathies were naturally enlisted. The affidavit of Dr. Zachariah Read states, it has always been a matter of current report that Dr. Alexander Ross, the father of Maj. John Ross, was a Surgeon in the Army of the Revolution; that he has often been so informed by members of his family in the last generation and by aged persons resident years back in Mount Holly, in which town Dr. Alexander Ross lived and died. What members of his family are these that he refers to? His grandmother, who did not die until he was a man grown, was the contemporary for twenty-seven years of Alexander Ross, and was the stepdaughter and contemporary for fifty years of Elizabeth Rossell, the widow of Alexander Ross. Dr. Read's father, who lived until 1856, was the contemporary of the said Elizabeth Rossell for thirty-six years. His mother who lived until 1851, was the daughter of the student of Alexander Ross, and was the contemporary of Elizabeth Rossell for twenty-six years. A comparison of the foregoing dates shows that Dr. Zachariah Read, had unusually good sources of information regarding Alexander Ross, and that the sources from which he obtained his information were so direct that his affidavit is entitled to full faith and credence. Recently access has been obtained to an historical manuscript prepared during 1859-1861 by Dr. Zachariah Read, entitled Annals of Mount Holly, from which the following are extracts: "The next house was where old Dr. Ross once lived; he died about 1780, and was in the war as a Surgeon. John Guy, this old colored man, lived in a small house which formerly stood opposite Stacy Atkinson's in Pine Street. He waited upon Dr. Ross, who was a Surgeon in the Revolutionary War. Alexander Ross was a practising physician and served as a Surgeon in the American Army of the Revolution. He lived in Church Street."

I am, my dear Sir, very truly yours,

JOHN C. SIMS, JR.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, } ss.:

Be it remembered, That on the fifth day of May, A. D., 1884, before me, one of the Masters of the Court of Chancery of the said State, personally appeared Clifford Stanley Sims, who, being duly sworn according to law on his oath saith, that he has carefully examined a written communication from John C. Sims, Jr., to Francis Barber Ogden, Secretary of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey and dated, Philadelphia, 5th March, 1884, and that he has verified the same by carefully comparing certain of the statements therein made with the printed book therein referred to and entitled, "History of Medicine and Medical Men in New Jersey," and by carefully comparing certain other of such statements with family records and papers in the possession of this deponent, and by carefully comparing certain other of such statements with an historical manuscript temporarily in the possession of this deponent and entitled, "Annals of Mount Holly," and by carefully comparing certain other of such statements with the inscriptions on certain of the grave-stones in the church-yards or burial grounds of Saint Andrew's Church in

Mount Holly, Burlington County, State of New Jersey, aforesaid, and which said inscriptions are as follows:

"Beneath this stone are interred the remains of Joseph Read, Esquire. He was born in the City of Philadelphia, on the 16th of April, 1739, and departed this life at Mount Holly, on the 19th of November, A. D., 1814, aged 75 years, 6 months and 23 days."

"In Memory of Martha, relict of Joseph Read, who departed this life February 19th, A. D. 1830, in the 77th year of her age."

"Samuel J. Read, Esquire, born December 14th, 1771, died October 2d, 1836, and Sarah Read, born 1781, died 1851, our father and mother."

"Z. Read, M. D., born Sept. 19th, 1808, died July 28th, 1879."

"Sacred to the memory of Alexander Ross, M. D., who departed this life May 10th, A. D. 1780, aged 67 years."

"Elizabeth, the 2d wife of Z. Rossell, died June 8th, 1807, aged 74 years," and that all and every of the statements so made in the said written communication are in full and exact accord with the said printed book, family records and papers, historical manuscript and inscriptions on gravestones, so carefully examined and compared as aforesaid by this deponent.

CLIFFORD STANLEY SIMS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Mount Holly, the day and year aforesaid.

CHAS. EWAN MERRIT,
M. C. C.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE, GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, N. Y. CITY,

6th December, 1883.

FRANCIS BARBER OGDEN, ESQ.,

Secretary of the Society of Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey.

MY DEAR SIR:

Two years ago I had the honor to be consulted by you, and asked to give such information as the records in my possession offered, relative to the right of Dr. Alexander Ross, deceased, to have been admitted an original member in the Society of the Cincinnati, had he lived until that Order was instituted. In my reply I came to the conclusion that he would not have been entitled to original membership: 1st. Because his name does not appear in Gen. Stryker's records of Continental and Military Officers of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War. 2d. Because I could not find his name in the rosters of the lines of any other State. 3d. Because I could not find his name in the list of those who would have been entitled to half-pay for life. Since then I have continued my researches in the register of the Rhode Island Cincinnati, and have discovered a great deal as to the Continental Medical Department of the Army of the Revolution and therefore beg leave to withdraw my former expression of opinion for the following reasons: I would surmise by saying that the actual rosters of Continental Medical Officers are

exceedingly imperfect prior to 1781, more so, indeed, than as to any other branch of the service. Under the resolve of Congress of 7th of April, 1777, as to the Medical Department there were allowed in each military district as many senior physicians and surgeons and second surgeons as the director general or deputy director general deemed necessary, and they were accordingly appointed by the physician general and surgeon general of the district and held Continental commissions, but were liable to become supernumerary on discontinuance of a hospital. They were also all liable to the rules and articles of war. These regulations continued in force until the entire new arrangement of Congress on September 30, 1780, by which a large portion of the Continental medical officers were made supernumerary and honorably discharged on October 6, 1780. As the resolutions as to half pay for life were not promised by Congress until the resolutions of Congress of the 3d and 21st of October, 1780, for those who should continue in service, the medical officers who were honorably discharged in that month and their names do not therefore appear in my half pay rolls. I did not, however, discover that they were thus discharged in October, 1780, instead of January 1, 1781, until about six weeks ago. Now as to Mr. John Clarke Sim's claim to represent his great-great-grandfather, Surgeon Alexander Ross, in the New Jersey Cincinnati, I am of the opinion that it ought to be favorably considered for three reasons. Surgeon Ross certainly served and I believe Dr. Zachariah Read's affidavit to have been correct in fact as well as in intent. There is no mistake as to who were surgeons of militia in New Jersey, as a complete record of them is to be found in Gen. Stryker's valuable and painstaking official publication. Surgeon Ross' service was therefore undoubtedly Continental, and the question arises, when was this service performed and for how long? The history of the Medical Department of the Continental Army points directly to the time when Surgeon Ross must have served. It could not have been in the years 1777 and 1778, because the main Continental Army did not then occupy the State of New Jersey. In 1779 it was encamped principally in the Highlands of the Hudson until late in the Autumn, when it went into winter quarters, in such parts of the country as would most readily afford subsistence and at the same time permit prompt concentration. Some of the troops were accordingly cantoned in Connecticut, others in the Highlands and the remainder in New Jersey. The winter of 1779-80 proved to be one of unexampled severity, and the soldiers being illy supplied with clothing and their subsistence being scanty and of poor quality, sickness and disease increased in an alarming ratio. Dr. James Tilton, of Delaware, became the Hospital Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital at Trenton. The demand for medical attendance became most urgent, and the few whig practitioners in New Jersey were called upon and could not decline to serve. Hospitals were opened in many parts of the State. Private practice was almost at a standstill. The deep snows and prevalence of gangs of marauders prevented any itinerant practice and medical men, unless they had other resources, were then unable in New Jersey to support themselves by their profession. With the opening of the spring in 1780, matters did not improve in this respect, because the campaign of the main Continental Army during the year

of 1780 was exclusively conducted in the Jerseys. Until the troops finally went into winter quarters in December, 1780. During this year all business in that unfortunate State was at a standstill, and no private medical practitioner could, with personal safety, practice his profession for a living and make itinerant medical visits. Gen. Knyphausen made his raid into the Jerseys and the battle of Springfield was fought in June, 1780. The Militia were under arms and the farmers who had sown their crops were in many instances unable to reap them or else the invading or continental armies did it for them. From Dr. Zachariah Read's affidavit there can be no reasonable doubt that Dr. Alexander Ross served and as he did not serve in the Militia, his service was necessarily Continental. I therefore, express it, as my opinion and belief, after mature deliberation, that Dr. Alexander Ross entered the Continental Service as a Hospital physician and surgeon on or about December 1, 1779, and continued in service until the close of the campaign of 1780, when by resolution of Congress of September 30, 1780, he and a large number of other medical officers were deranged (*i. e.*, made supernumerary), on reorganization of the medical department, and was honorably discharged, Oct. 6, 1780. From that time forward he could, with safety practice his profession, had he desired to do so.

I am, my dear sir,
Very respectfully and very truly yours,

ASA BIRD GARDNER,
Asst. Sec. R. I. State Soc. Cincinnati.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE,
GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, N. Y., 3d APRIL, 1884.

FRANCIS BARBER OGDEN, ESQ.,

Secretary the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey.

MY DEAR SIR:

Referring to my previous communication relative to the services of Alexander Ross, M.D., in the Continental Hospital Department of the Revolution, I beg to say that I have been making some further inquiries and researches which seem to leave no reasonable doubt that his proper descendant as determined by the Society, would be entitled to hereditary membership. Dr. Zachariah Read's affidavit of the 17th August 1866, made by an unbiassed and reputable witness points strongly to the conclusion that Dr. Alexander Ross, had served as a surgeon in the Revolution. Had he served in the Militia of New Jersey his name would be found in Adj. Gen. Stryker's admirable record of New Jersey's forces in that memorable contest. I find on inquiry that Dr. Alex. Ross had resided in Burlington, N. J., seven miles from Mount Holly, and later in Mount Holly, where his remains are interred, he having died 10th of May, 1780. Early in 1779, the Army was principally stationed in New Jersey and in the Highlands of the Hudson and

one of the principal hospitals for the main Continental Army was established at Burlington. In the official History of the Medical Department of the Army by Dr. Harvey C. Brown, it is stated, page 52, that the winter of 1779 and 1780, was very severe and the soldiers sick in tent and hospital suffered very much. The law as it then stood proved that each physician and surgeon general of the army shall appoint such a number of surgeons, as the director or deputy director general shall judge necessary for the more effectual care of the sick and wounded. The physician general in the middle department was Charles McKnight, A.M., a native of Cranbury, N. J., and the Surgeon General was Wm. Brown, M.D., of Maryland, a graduate of Edinburgh University. Each of these gentlemen were undoubtedly well acquainted with Dr. Alex. Ross, and urged him to take the appointment of Continental Hospital Physician or Surgeon. The necessity of his services to his country at that juncture were great and he could not with propriety have declined such a call.

I am satisfied that Dr. Alexander Ross was in the service as a Continental Hospital Physician from some time in 1779, until his decease, May 10, 1780. My apology for this communication will be found expressed in my former one.

I have the honor to be, dear sir,

Very respectfully yours,

ASA BIRD GARDNER,
Asst. Secy. R. I. Society.

1885.

The Standing Committee have received the following applications for admission to Hereditary Membership, which they recommend to the Society:

James Wall Schureman Campbell, great grandnephew of Surgeon Geo. Campbell; Charles Henry Campfield, great grandson of Surgeon Jabez Campfield; Charles Brearley Hopkins, great grandson of Lieut. Col. David Brearley; Bvt. Major General David Hunter, U.S.A., son of Chaplain Andrew Hunter; George Tibbits Lane, grandson of Captain Derick Lane; Hon. Charles Smith Scott, grandson of Surgeon Moses Scott; Hon. Horatio Seymour, grandson of Lieut. Col. Jonathan Forman; Theodore Shute, son of Capt. William Shute; David Provoost Thomas, grandnephew of Bvt. Capt. Edmund Disney Thomas; Thomas Whitlock, grandson of Bvt. Capt. Ephraim Whitlock; Sidney Augustus Stevens, great grandson of Major John Burrowes. They were admitted.

Subject to the conditions of Rule 2, regulating the admission of members; Hon. John Lambert Cadwalader, grandson of Col. Lambert Cadwalader. Rules suspended. He was admitted. William Henry Elmer, grandson of Surgeon's Mate, Moses Gale Elmer. Rules suspended. He was admitted.

1886.

The Standing Committee have received the following applications for admission to Hereditary Membership, which they recommend to the Society.

John La Farge Bonnell, grandson of Capt. James Bonnell; Edward Nicholl Dickerson, grandson of Captain John Stotesbury, an original member of the Pennsylvania Society transferred to New Jersey in 1793. Francis Barber Howell, son of Captain John Howell; Lewis Boudinot Hunter, Medical Director, U.S.N., son of Chaplain Andrew Hunter; David Beatty Idell, great great grandson of Major John Beatty; James Grant Reed, great grandson of Ensign John Reed. James Davies Shute, grandson of Bvt. Capt. Wm. Shute. They were admitted.

And under the provisions of Rule No. 2; James Mortimer Montgomery, great great grandson of Colonel William Malcolm; Henry Shreve, grandson of Lieut. John Shreve, an original member who failed to deposit one month's pay. Rules suspended. He was admitted.

1887.

The Standing Committee have received the following applications for admission to Hereditary Membership, which they recommend to the Society. William Pennington, great grandson of William Sandford Pennington; William Pancost Barber, great grandson of Col. Francis Barber; Horatio Seymour, great grandson of Lieut. Col. Jonathan Forman; William Henry Whitlock, great grandson of Captain Ephraim Whitlock; Richard Stockton Hunter, grandson of Chaplain Andrew Hunter; William Case Osmun, grandnephew of Capt. Benajah Osmun; Reverend George Thornton Wilmer, grandson of Major Richard Cox. They were admitted.

Under the provisions of Rule No. 2; Flavel McGee, great grandson of Qr. Master Joseph Clark. Laid over under the Rule.

1888.

The Standing Committee have received the following application for admission to Hereditary Membership which they recommend to the Society.

Walter Yeatman Sedam, grandson of Cornelius Riker Sedam, an original member. He was admitted.

Under the provisions of Rule No. 2; Frederick Wolcott Jackson as representative of Capt. Joshua Huntington, an officer of the Conn. Continental Line.

Franklin Davenport Howell as representative of Surgeon Louis Howell of the N. J. Line.

Flavel McGee as representative of Lieut. Joseph Clark, of the New Jersey Line.

William Scudder Stryker as representative of Captain John Stryker.

Algernon Sidney Mountain Morgan, great grandson and representative of Col. George Morgan of the Continental Line.

Anthony Eugene Stocker, grandson and representative of Col. Anne Louis de Tousard.

On motion it was resolved in the case of Dr. Stocker, that Dr. Stocker be admitted to membership in the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey in the right of his grandfather Col. Anne Louis de Tousard and that by reason only of the said ancestor having paid the original one month's

pay to the Society in France, the amount to be paid by the said Dr. Anthony E. Stocker to this Society shall be the sum of \$200.

Subject to the provisions of Rule No. 2.

William Miller Esté, grandson and representative of Capt. Moses Esté. In each case was the rule suspended and they were admitted subject to their compliance with the rule.

1889.

The Standing Committee have received the following applications for admissions to Hereditary Membership, which they recommend to the suffrages of the Society. Timothy Matlack Cheesman; Robert Newberry Stockton; Charles Adolphe Baldwin; William McKnight Reckless. They were admitted.

And under the provision of Rule 2; Richard Montgomery Stites; James Seguin de Benneville; John Jackson Riker. The rule being suspended they were admitted.

1890.

The Standing Committee have examined the following applications for admission to membership and recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the Society:

As Hereditary Member; Alfred Bell Howell. He was admitted.

Under the provisions of Rule No. 2.

Col. Charles Seaforth Stewart, U.S.A.; and Mr. Hamilton Markley. Rules were suspended and they were admitted.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Whereas, The applications of certain gentlemen heretofore made under and subject to the provisions of Rule No. 2, have been favorably considered by this Society, subject to the compliance by said applicants with the provisions of said rule, and said applicants have not paid the amount fixed by said rule as a condition precedent to membership.

Be It Resolved, That unless said amount shall be paid by said delinquents prior to the next annual meeting of the Society the privilege of those applicants to become members by compliance with the provisions of said rule, shall cease and determine.

That the Secretary notify said delinquents of this resolution.

That your Committee has passed the following resolution in regard to application for membership under the provisions of Rule No. 2.

Resolved, in the future all applications under the provisions of Rule No. 2 shall be accompanied with the sum required by the rule to be paid as a condition precedent to membership.

1891.

The Secretary reported that in pursuance of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting of the Society he had notified the gentlemen, who had heretofore applied for membership, under and subject to the provisions of Rule 2 of the Society, and who had failed to comply with the provisions of

said rule, in regard to the payment of the amount fixed by said rule, as a condition precedent to membership, and that he had received no response or answer to said notices from any of said delinquents.

The Standing Committee have examined the following applications for membership, and recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the Society: Lewis Dunham Boggs, as representing Surgeon Lewis Dunham of the New Jersey Continental line, an original member. He was admitted.

Under provisions of Rule No. 2.

Alexander J. Cassatt as representing James Johnston, Ensign 5th Regt. Pennsylvania Line and Robert Lenox Belknap as representing Major David Lenox,* Continental Line. The Rules were suspended and they were admitted subject to their compliance with said rule.

Resolved, That whereas the President of this Society by correspondence with the President of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Pennsylvania is informed that the Society in that State has rescinded the rule putting in operation the General Society rules 1854 and 1856, this Society receive said applications and admit said applicants to membership under Rule No. 2.

That the Standing Committee had examined and considered the application for Hereditary Membership of Mr. Thomas Jefferson Bonnell as representative and grandson of Captain James Bonnell of the New Jersey Line, and would recommend the favorable action of the Society thereon. He was admitted.

1893.

Dr. Isaac Hull Platt, of Lakewood, N. J., made application for admission to membership in the Society under the provisions of Rule 2. The rules being suspended he was admitted to membership in the Society upon the payment by him into the permanent fund of the Society, the sum of \$500.

1894.

The following gentlemen made applications for membership in the Society:

John James Piatt; William E. D. Scott as representatives of Surgeon Moses Scott, New Jersey Continental Line; Henry F. Ogden as representative of Capt. Aaron Ogden, New Jersey Continental Line; Rev. Richard Lewis Howell as representative of Major Richard Howell, New Jersey Continental Line. They were admitted.

Under and subject to the provisions of Rule 2, Mr. Henry D. Maxwell as representative of Brigadier General Maxwell, New Jersey Continental Line. He was admitted.

The President stated that in the record of the case of William Scudder Stryker, who had been admitted to membership in 1888, as the collateral heir and representative of Captain John Stryker of the New Jersey State Troops, that subsequent investigations had shown that his great grand uncle, Col. Nathaniel Scudder of the New Jersey State Troops, of whom he was the

*Pennsylvania Continental Line. W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.

representative, was entitled to representation in the Society, and asking that the record in regard to his admission to membership be amended so as to substitute as the propositus in his case the said Col. Nathaniel Scudder for the said Capt. John Stryker; that the Standing Committee upon examination of the same recommend that the said record be so amended as requested. On motion, this action was adopted.

The President stated that in 1884, Mr. James Sterling Hollinshead, of New York City, had been admitted to membership as the grandnephew and representative of Major John Hollinshead, an original member; that the applicant and all the members of his family had been sincere in the belief that the said Major John Hollinshead had never married, but that recent accidental discoveries, from original papers, had disclosed the marriage license and the record of the marriage of the said Major John Hollinshead to Hepsiba Thomas, and that such marriage was productive of three daughters, from the eldest of whom descends the rightful heir of the said Major John Hollinshead, in the person of Doctor Persifor Frazer, of Philadelphia. The President stated that a complete narrative of the case was to be found in the papers he presented to the Standing Committee, and he recommended that the same be placed on file, in order that upon a vacancy happening in the said membership the said Dr. Persifor Frazer might be duly admitted and upon motion such recommendation was adopted.

The President said that the Standing Committee had carefully considered the application of the Reverend Richard Lewis Howell, who claims admission as the great grandson of Major Richard Howell, an original member, and the Committee find that in 1872, Rear Admiral John Cumming Howell was admitted to membership as the grandson of the said Richard Howell, and that he died in 1892, leaving issue a daughter only; and the question being now raised, whether the succession passed to the issue of such daughter, the Committee call attention to the following, which is a parallel case.

Brevet Captain William Sandford Pennington, an original member died in 1826, and the following year his eldest surviving son, William Pennington applied for admission, when the Standing Committee reported that James Pennington, who was the eldest son of the said William Sandford had left a son, James Adolphus Pennington, a minor, then thirteen years of age, and the Society ruled that such grandson was the proper heir, and in 1836 he was admitted to the succession.

James Adolphus Pennington, died in 1858, leaving no male issue, and the following year the said William Pennington was admitted to the succession.

He died in 1862, and 1864 Adolphus Pennington Young, grandson of the the said James Adolphus Pennington, applied for admission, when the Society ruled that the succession was in the male line, as then represented by the eldest son of the said William Pennington, and in 1865, such eldest son, William Sandford Pennington, was admitted accordingly.

The Committee desires to place in their minutes the opinion that in cases where the male line of an original member exists that the succession is prop-

erly limited to such male line, but that when such male line is extinct and the succession has passed to the female line, or where there are no descendants of an original member, and the succession has thereby passed to the collateral line, that in both such cases the Society is vested with the right of choice among the several heirs in the female line, or as among the said collateral heirs, as the case may be, and such choice having been exercised, that the succession is then fixed in the line of the heir in the female line, or in the line of the collateral heir, so chosen.

Your Committee have received and examined the application of William Thomas, son of David Prevost Thomas, our late member, great grandnephew and representative of Brevet Capt. Edmund Disney Thomas, and recommend his election. He was admitted.

The application of Charles Hornblower Woodruff was received and laid on the table for further information.

1895.

The following applications for admission to hereditary membership have been presented.

Ira Abraham Stout, of Nashville, Tenn., grandson of Brevet Captain Abraham Stout, who was an original member.

Hughes Dayton, of New York City, great great grandson of Brigadier General Elias Dayton, who was an original member.

William Edward Lloyd, of Freehold, N. J., grandnephew of Brevet Major Richard Lloyd, who was an original member.

Alexander McWhorter Cumming, of Elizabeth, N. J., great grandson of Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, John Noble Cumming, who was an original member. They were admitted.

The following applications for admission to Hereditary Membership were presented.

Charles Hornblower Woodruff, of New York City, great grand nephew of Major Ichabod Burnet, who was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Georgia and whose membership since 1791 has been represented in this Society.

Charles Bradley, of Newark, N. J., great grandnephew of the aforesaid Major Ichabod Burnet.

The Committee having carefully examined these rival claims of two collateral heirs of the original member named, and having found that the said collateral heirs are equally related to such original member, and having also found that the said Charles Hornblower Woodruff is the choice of several of the other heirs, recommend that he be duly admitted to Hereditary membership. He was admitted.

1896.

The Standing Committee recommend that Luther Murphy Halsey be elected an Hereditary Member in place of his late father Luther Foster Halsey, and that Frederick Alexander Canfield be elected an Hereditary Member under Rule 2; that Charles Abercrombie Sims be admitted in place of his

father Clifford Stanley Sims; Waldron Phoenix Belknap be admitted in place of his father Robert Lenox Belknap; Richard Wayne Stites be admitted in place of his father Richard Montgomery Stites as Hereditary Members of the Society. They were admitted.

The Standing Committee would recommend that the application of Thaddeus Kosciusko Chutkowski be laid over for action at the February meeting.

1897.

The Standing Committee would recommend that the following persons be admitted to Hereditary Membership in this Society.

Mr. George Fitz Randolph Stocker as the representative of Brevet Lieut. Col. Anne Louis de Tousard; Mr. Henry Applegate Wilson as the representative of Captain Jonathan Holmes; and that the Reverend Dr. Frank Landon Humphreys be admitted as the representative of Colonel David Humphreys under the provisions of Rule 2. They were admitted.

1898.

The Standing Committee recommend that in the matter of the application of Thaddeus Kosciusko Chutkowski for membership in the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey as the representative of Brevet Brigadier General Thaddeus Kosciusko. Your Committee has examined the before mentioned application and find that the relationship of the applicant to General Kosciusko is not satisfactorily shown by any testimony submitted for the consideration of your Committee, but in view of the important testimonials to the high character of the applicant presented with his application we advise that no action be now taken.

That Ulric Dahlgren be admitted to Hereditary Membership as the representative of Surgeon William Messenger Barnett; Dr. Persifor Frazer as the representative of Major John Hollinshead; that the application of Mr. Alfred Lawton be made a special order for the adjourned meeting to be held February 22, 1899; and that the application of Mr. T. K. Chutkowski be laid on the table.

1899.

The Standing Committee recommend:

Mr. Willis G. Kinney, of Louisville, Ky., be admitted as the representative of Capt. John Kinney; Mr. Holmes B. Stevens, of Rochester, N. Y., be admitted as the representative of Capt. John Burrows; Mr. John Hart Polhemus, of San Francisco, Cal., be admitted as the representative of Capt. John Polhemus. Mr. Washington B. Powell, of Philadelphia, Pa., be admitted under Rule 2, as the representative of Captain Cornelius Hennion. Mr. Herman John Grosbeck, of Cincinnati, Ohio, be admitted as the representative of Surgeon General William Burnet.

That Mr. Weston Spies Gales, of Elizabeth, N. J., be admitted as the representative of Colonel Oliver Spencer. The recommendations of the Committee were adopted and the gentlemen were admitted to membership with the exception of Mr. Grosbeck. Information having been received that

Mr. Robert Wallace Burnet had left a son who would be the natural representative of Surgeon General William Burnet.

It was recommended that the application of Mr. T. K. Chutkowski be referred back to him with the request that he furnish more data before the next annual meeting. 1899.

1900.

The Standing Committee would recommend that Mr. Jacob Staats Burnet be admitted as the representative of Surgeon General William Burnet; Mr. William Holland Wilmer be admitted as the representative of Major Richard Cox; Mr. Samuel Shepard Dennis be admitted as the representative of Ensign Ezekiel Dennis under Rule 2. They were admitted.

1901.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The eligibility to membership in this Society as the representative of Colonel Nathaniel Scudder is vested in William Bradford Stryker son of the late General William Scudder Stryker, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That such membership shall remain in abeyance until his disability shall cease.

The Standing Committee recommend to the Society the admission of Dr. Austin Flint Morris as the representative of Major Joseph Morris under the Provisions of Rule 2. He was admitted.

The Standing Committee recommend that Mr. Charles Eldridge Morgan be admitted to Hereditary Membership as the representative of Brevet Captain Joseph Buck.

That, Mr. William Burnet Kinney be admitted to Hereditary Membership as the representative of Lieut. Abraham Kinney.

That Joseph Farrand Tuttle, Jr., be admitted to Hereditary Membership as the representative of Ensign William Tuttle.

That supplementary information relative to the claim of Thaddeus Kosciusko Chutkowski, which the Secretary General said in his opinion made Mr. Chutkowski eligible for membership, having been presented to your Committee they would recommend him for membership under Rule 2, as the representative of Brevet Brigadier General Thaddeus Kosciusko. He was admitted.

That as the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati, waives all claims to the membership of Mr. John Reed Scott, therefore, be he admitted to Hereditary Membership under Rule 2, as the representative of Capt. Moses McClean.

1902.

The Standing Committee recommend that Mr. Francis McGee be admitted as the representative of Deputy Muster Master Joseph Clark.

That Mr. Harry Reeve Stockton be admitted as the representative of Ensign Robert Hamilton.

That when Mr. Francis Lott Southack complies with the provisions of Rule 2, he be admitted as the representative of Lieut. Peter Lott.

That the name of Elias Boudinot be transferred from the list of Honorary Members to that of Hereditary Members.

That Mr. William Bradford Stockton Boudinot be admitted as the representative of Colonel Elias Boudinot.

The recommendations after being amended to read: Whereas, Col. and Com. Gen. Elias Boudinot, fulfilled all the requirements for membership in the Society of the Cincinnati as shown by the records of the Society, and whereas, his name has been, for some time carried upon the list of Honorary Members, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That as in the opinion of this Society the retention of the name of Elias Boudinot to the Honorary list was an error, his name be now transferred to the list of Hereditary members, where we believe it properly belongs. It was adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Mr. Thaddeus Kosciusko Chutkowski has failed to comply with the Provision of Rule 2, in paying \$500; therefore, be it resolved, that the action of the last annual meeting be reconsidered and his application for membership be rejected.

1903.

The Standing Committee make the following recommendations for admission to membership:

Mr. Silas Condit Hay, of New York City as the representative and grandson of Lieut. Col. Samuel Hay 10th Regiment Pennsylvania Continental Infantry. Mr. Ziba Porter Osmun, of New Market, N. J., be admitted as the great grandnephew of Brevet Captain Benajah Osmun, 2d Regt. N. J. Continental Infantry. They were admitted.

1904.

Mr. Francis McGee, the great great grandson of Deputy Muster Master Joseph Clark, resigned as a member of the Society and it having been found that Joseph Clark was ineligible to membership in this Society, therefore it is ordered, that a note stating this fact be placed opposite his name on the roster. Mr. Philip Nye Jackson was admitted as the great-grandson and representative of Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Huntington, Twentieth Reg't, Connecticut Militia.

1905.

The Standing Committee would recommend the admission of Captain Cecil Stewart, great great grandson of Lieut. Charles Stewart; of Mr. Josiah Wilkin Stout, great grandson of Brevet Capt. Abraham Stout; Mr. Horace Pease Phillips, great grandson of Capt. John Phillips. They were admitted to membership.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

1783.

His Excellency, Elias Boudinot, Esq., President of Congress; his Excellency William Livingston, Esq., Governor of the State; and the Honorable Brigadier General David Foreman, having been nominated for Honorary Members were duly elected.

Frederick Frelinghuysen, Robert Lettice Hooper and Thomas Henderson, Esq., having been nominated Honorary Members were duly elected.

1787.

Doctor Thomas Henderson, having rendered satisfactory reasons for his non-attendance, resolved, that the said Doctor Thomas Henderson be admitted and sign the Institution.

1791.

The Standing Committee recommend that the names of all Honorary Members as have not subscribed to the Institution be expunged. It was agreed to.

1806.

Resolved, That Jacob Burnet, Esq. of the State of Ohio, be and he is hereby elected an Honorary Member of this Society.

1828.

On Motion the following were admitted as Honorary Members of this Society.

Doctor Lewis Condict, Charles Ewing Esquire, Col. Theodore Frelinghuysen and General Garret D. Wall.

1831.

Resolved, That William Pennington, Esq., son of Mr. Wm. S. Pennington be admitted an Honorary Member of this Society for life. He was admitted.

1833.

Resolved, That two honorary members be appointed, wherupon Mahlon Dickerson and Samuel L. Southard, Esquires, were duly elected.

1839.

Resolved, that "If any Honorary Member of this Society, heretofore elected or hereafter to be elected as such shall refuse, omit or neglect to attend two regular successive meetings of this Society on Independence days without assigning a satisfactory reason therefor to the Society, such omission or neglect shall be deemed and taken as a resignation of his seat and membership in this Society." Adopted, 1840. Rescinded, 1842.

1841.

The Standing Committee presented the claim of General Dickerson for Honorary Membership.

1843.

A communication was received from Gov. Williamson, thanking the Society for the honor conferred in electing him an Honorary Member.

1847.

Charles T. Stewart is the lineal descendant of his grandfather and would have been entitled to membership if his grandfather had been an original member of this Society. This, however, was not done, and although we should be most happy to number him as one of our members, yet the Committee are of the opinion that under our constitution he is not entitled to membership, but in consequence of his peculiar situation we do cheerfully recommend that he be made an honorary member of this Society. Recommendation adopted.

1851.

General J. Cadwalader, Adjutant General of this State, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of this Society in the place of General Wall, deceased.

1856.

Mr. Elmer moved that Philemon Dickinson, of Trenton, be elected an Honorary Member of this Society, which motion was carried.

1859.

On motion, resolved, that Aaron S. Pennington, of Paterson, N. J., be admitted as an Honorary Member of this Society and that the President notify him of said election.

1862.

The Honorable Frederick Frelinghuysen Chancellor of the State of New Jersey, and Capt. Chas. Boggs were nominated as Honorary Members of this Society. Elected in 1863.

1866.

Resolved, That the excuse of Capt. Boggs, honorary member for non-attendance upon the meetings of the Society be accepted and that the place of the Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen as honorary member be declared vacant, he not having attended since his appointment July 4, 1863.

1867.

General Gershom Mott, of Bordentown, N. J., was elected an honorary member of this Society to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. F. T. Frelinghuysen, and the Secretary was instructed to advise Gen. Mott of his election to such membership.

1869.

On motion resolved, That Brig. Gen. Gershom Mott, having been duly elected to Honorary Membership in this Society on July 4, 1866, and having

failed to comply with the provisions of the Rule adopted, July 4, 1860, such refusal or neglect on his part is accepted by the Society as a resignation of such membership, and the position is hereby declared to be vacant.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to communicate to General Mott the action of the Society in his matter.

Com. Chas. S. Boggs, being at sea on Government service and A. S. Pennington, Esq., detained at home by sickness, were excused for non-attendance at this meeting.

1870.

Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer nominated for Honorary Membership of the Society the Hon John T. Nixon, of Bridgeton, N. J.

On motion the Rule requiring nomination a year in advance of balloting was suspended and Mr. Nixon was unanimously elected to Honorary Membership in this Society.

Admiral Charles H. Bell, U. S. N., was proposed for Honorary Membership fill a remaining vacancy. Admitted 1871.

1871.

Admiral Charles S. Boggs, was excused for non-attendance at the present meeting, he being absent from the country on public service.

1874.

On motion the rule of the Society regarding election of Honorary Members was suspended and the Hon. John L. Cadwalader and Col. William E. Potter were unanimously elected honorary members of this Society.

1875.

Col. William E. Potter, an Honorary Member, salutes the Society and regrets that official business prevents his meeting with the Society this year.

1876.

The rule regarding the election of Honorary Members being on motion suspended, General William S. Stryker, Adjutant General of New Jersey was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of this Society.

On Motion the Secretary was ordered to notify all Honorary Members who have been absent two or more years of the rule adopted, July 4, 1860.

1879.

It was moved that Gen. Gershom Mott be excused for non-attendance at the meetings of the Society and restored to his position as an Honorary Member at the date of his election in 1867.

The Hon. Joel Parker and General S. Duncan Oliphant being nominated as Honorary Members, rules being suspended, they were elected.

1881.

Some question as to the status of Honorary Members having arisen it was on motion, resolved, that Honorary Members of this Society are justly entitled to and are hereby invested with all the rights and privileges now inherent in the Hereditary Members excepting the transmission of membership to their posterity.

1884.

In consequence of the large increase in our membership the Society is entitled to several additional Honorary Members. Honorary Membership is thus defined in the Institution: "As there are and will at all times be men in the respective States eminent for their abilities and patriotism, whose views may be directed to the same laudable objects, with those of the Cincinnati, it shall be a rule to admit such characters, as Honorary Members of this Society, for their own lives only. Provided always, that the number of Honorary Members in each State, does not exceed a ratio of one to four of the officers or their descendants." New Jersey has always held to the policy of freely availing herself of this provision and has secured thereby the fraternal co-operation of many of her most prominent men. The names of Elias Boudinot, Frederick Frelinghuysen, William Livingston, Samuel Lewis Southard and the rest, reflect honor on those who tried to do them honor by this compliment. Of our Honorary Members now living it were not proper to speak individually. We may, however, say collectively the adopted sons of the Cincinnati of New Jersey (her Honorary Members of the present day), are not one whit behind their distinguished predecessors, and are valuable as well as valued additions to our Society. Your Committee beg leave to present for your suffrages the names of Rear Admiral George F. Emmons, U. S. N., of Princeton; Judge Advocate James N. Stratton, of Mount Holly; Governor Joseph D. Bedle, of Jersey City. The rule being suspended they were admitted.

The Hon. Wm. J. Sewall and Mr. Wm. W. Thomas, being nominated for Honorary Membership, their names were referred to the Standing Committee to report thereon at the next annual meeting.

1885.

The names of Hon. Theo. Runyon, Mr. William Winans Thomas and Frederick Wolcott Jackson were presented for election as Honorary Members of this Society. The rules were suspended and they were admitted.

1886.

The Standing Committee recommend the election to Honorary Membership of General Lewis Perrine, Quartermaster General of New Jersey. Rules suspended and he was admitted.

1887.

The Standing Committee recommend the election to Honorary Membership of Robert Stockton Green, Governor of New Jersey and John McAllister Schofield, Major General in the service of the United States, commanding the Department of the Atlantic. They were elected and admitted.

1888.

The Standing Committee recommend the election to Honorary Membership of the Rev. Doctor Francis L. Patton, President of the College of New Jersey; the Honorable Garret Dorset Wall Vroom, of Trenton, and Bvt. Maj. Gen. William Joyce Sewell, late U. S. Volunteers. Rules being suspended all the above named were admitted.

1890.

The names of Hon. John P. Stockton, Attorney General of New Jersey and John P. Nicholson, late Brevet Lieut. Col. U. S. Vols. were presented for admission as Honorary Members. Rules being suspended they were admitted.

1893.

The rules being suspended the following gentlemen were elected Honorary Members :

Hon. George T. Werts, Governor of New Jersey.

Hon. Leon Abbett, late Governor of New Jersey.

Hon. Charles G. Garrison, Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

1894.

The Committee recommend the election of Mr. Edward R. Shubrick as an Honorary Member.

The President stated that he had received verbal application from Edward Rutledge Shubrick, of Camden, for admission to membership, and that he had learned upon inquiry that the applicant was eligible to admission in the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of South Carolina, as the grandson of Capt. Thomas Shubrick, who had been an original member of that Society, but that such Society could not under their rules admit to membership any but citizens of that State; that it was not possible under the rules of this Society to admit to membership any but applicants claiming by reason of descent from New Jersey officers, and that, therefore, as between the said rules, the applicant in this case had no standing before either Society.

The President further stated that Mr. Shubrick was a gentleman by birth and social standing; that he had in early life been an officer in the United States Navy; that he was the only son of the late Capt. Edward Rutledge Shubrick and the nephew of the late Rear Admiral William Branford Shubrick, of that service; and that in his opinion it might be proper that the Committee recommend him for election as an Honorary Member, as such course seemed the only one open under which his case could be treated; and upon motion such recommendation was adopted.

The rules being suspended by unanimous consent the following were elected: The Rev. Frank Landon Humphreys, D.D.; the Honorable Samuel Howell Grey, Frederick Frelinghuysen and Edward Meeker Wood.

1895.

The rules being suspended the following gentlemen were elected Honorary Members:

The Hon. Mercer Beasley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

The Hon. William Potter, late Minister to Italy.

1902.

Hon. John William Griggs was elected an Honorary Member of the Society notice having been given one year ago.

On motion, Rule or Section XIV of By-laws was suspended and the Honorable Franklin Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, was elected an Honorary Member.

*FINANCE.

1784.

The members chosen to represent the State Society for the last year in the General Society were called upon to exhibit an account of their expenses during their attendance at the General Meeting.

Their several bills amounting to fifty-seven pounds and seven shillings and ten pence, were considered and agreed to. Ordered that the same be paid by the members present; who shall be credited therewith until a general plan of settling and paying contingent expenses be established.

A motion was made and seconded that each member pay \$4 for every time he shall be absent from the stated meeting of the Society towards a contingent fund. Upon calling the question it was carried in the affirmative.

1785.

On motion the Treasurer was directed to exchange the notes in his hands, which do not draw interest from the State Treasury, with the members of the Society for those which do.

1786.

The Society agreed that the allowance to their delegates in the General Society shall be \$3 per day in lieu of all expenses, to be paid on warrant from the President out of the Contingent Fund.

On motion it was agreed that the Reverend Mr. Hunter be requested to procure eighty diplomas on parchment agreeable to the Institution, and that every member advance him \$1 for defraying the expenses arising thereon. And that each member, who is not present and who has not made the advance, do it previous to his receiving his diploma.

1787.

Resolved, That the resolve heretofore entered with respect to the payment of four dollars by absent members from the annual meeting of the Society be repealed and the moneys heretofore paid be reimbursed.

Resolved, That the Treasurer do forward to the Secretary-General on or before the first day of September next, the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars and 63-90, being this Society's proportion of the monies allowed to Major L'Enfant, which monies he is to furnish from the cash now in his hand if sufficient, if not the balance to be apportioned with the contingent expenses of the Society now due, on the individual members of the Society present, who are directed to pay the same within one month from this date.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the proceedings of the last general meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati and report what is necessary to be done thereon by this State Society previous to the next general meeting beg leave to report.

*No attempt has been made to balance the accounts or correct errors, they are taken exactly as they are in the minutes. W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.

That this State Society make provision for the payment of their proportion of \$3,014 to the Secretary-General of the Society agreeably to the rule of appointment, established by them at their last general meeting, it being the sum of \$150.63-90, and that the said sum be transmitted on or before the first day of September next, for the purpose of discharging certain debts incurred in France on account of the Society as stated in the proceedings of the general meeting.

On motion, appointed Col. Cumming and Capt. Ogden a Committee to take up the account of monies to be paid by this State Society previous to their adjournment.

The Treasurer informed the Society that he had received a sufficient sum from the members to pay Mons. L'Enfant in paper bills of credit, and therefore, wished to have the direction of the Society. Resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to turn the said monies into specie, by such prudent means as he may devise and that this Society will make good any loss that may arise thereon.

1788.

There is due to the Hon. David Brearley, Esq., and Joseph Bloomfield, Esq., for their attendance at the meeting of the General Society in May last, the sum of \$24 each, and there are sufficient monies in the hands of the Treasurer to discharge the same without any new assessment on the members. The Treasurer was directed to pay the same.

Resolved, That the Treasurer make report in what manner he has applied the money directed by this Society at their last meeting to be paid to the Secretary-General for the purpose of discharging certain debts incurred in France on account of the Society.

Resolved, That every member who has signed the institution be charged with one month's pay.

Resolved, That every member be also charged with his proportion of the expenses assessed at each meeting.

On Motion, Resolved, That in consideration of the sufferings of Capt. Daniel Baldwin and his inability in consequence of such sufferings to attend at the different meetings of the Society, he be excused from paying any proportion of the expenses heretofore apportioned to the different members thereof.

1789.

The Treasurer has in his hands belonging to the Society the sum of \$111.

1791.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be impowered to subscribe the whole of that part of the funds of this Society, which bears a present interest of six per cent. to the Bank of the United States and that he be authorized to dispose of so much of the arrears of certificates due from the members, or of the three per cent. or deferred stock, at his discretion as will be requisite in addition to the monies in his hands to pay the specie proportion required for each share.

Resolved, That if upon application made by the Treasurer to the persons appointed to receive the same, the whole of the shares admissable in the Bank of the United States, shall be found to have been subscribed and taken up, then, and in that case, he be impowered to contract for shares with individuals who hold them and if necessary to give a premium for the same.

1792.

The Standing Committee report that there is in the hands of the Treasurer, \$2,778.09 of six per cent. stock; \$1,691.91 of three per cent. stock, and \$1,389.05 of deferred stock, all which have been funded and placed upon the books of the Treasury of the United States in the name of the Treasurer of the Cincinnati of the State of New Jersey or his assigns. There are also in the hands of the Treasurer four certificates issued by Benjamin Thompson and John Pierce Commissioners amounting to \$118.71-90 principal unfunded, and there is also in his hands the sum of \$129.31-90 specie.

Resolved, That the Treasurer together with Elias Boudinot, Esq., Capt. Dayton, Maj. Bloomfield and the Rev. Mr. Hunter be a Committee for the purpose of vesting the funds of this Society in the bank of the United States, and they, or any three of them are hereby authorized to act in this business as they may think most advantageous to the interests of the Society.

The Secretary produced an account of money paid Mr. Collins for printing list of the names of the Society amounting to forty-two shillings, which the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay.

General Elias Dayton produced an account of postage paid by him for letters and communications received for the use of the Society amounting to thirty shillings, which the Treasurer is hereby ordered to repay to General Dayton.

1793.

Resolved, That the Treasurer receive from members who may not have deposited one month's pay or from persons who may in future be admitted members of this Society, either certificates, as they have been received from other members, or specie, at the option of the member, at the current value of the certificates with the interest.

The Standing Committee reported that there are in the hands of the Treasurer, \$3,257 of six per cent. stock, including the sum of \$400 purchased in March last, and also \$1,746.61 of three per cent. and \$1,428.65 of deferred, which have been placed and stand upon the books of the Treasury of the United States in the name of the Treasurer of the Cincinnati of New Jersey or his assigns; and that there is also in his hands the sum of \$4.39 in specie.

1794.

The Standing Committee reported that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find in his hands the sum of \$3,373.96 of six per cent. stock of the United States; \$1,821.61 of three per cent. stock, and \$1,486.98 of deferred stock.

They also find that the Treasurer has received, including the balance in his hands of the last report, the sum of \$316.62, and has paid out of the same,

\$50 for the relief of Mrs. Pike, and one dollar charged by the Treasurer as an error in former settlements, which leaves a balance in his hands of \$265.62.

1795.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find in his hands the sum of \$3,373.96 of six per cent. stock of the United States; \$1,821.61 of three per cent. stock, and \$1,879.17 of the deferred debt of the United States. The Committee also find that the Treasurer has received, including the balance in his hands on the last report, the sum of \$530.99, and has paid for the relief of the widow of Mr. William Piatt, \$50, for the expenses of the Society in 1793 at Elizabeth Town, and in 1794 at Trenton, the sum of \$162.88, and for the purchase of \$392.19 deferred stock, at fourteen shillings in the pound, the sum of \$274.53, which leaves a balance of \$43.58 in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Standing Committee recommend that as Major Richard Lloyd left no son and the said William Lloyd is his eldest brother, he be admitted a member on paying \$40, being one month's pay, and the interest due thereon, which was not paid by the said Maj. Lloyd. This was agreed to.

1796.

The Standing Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find in his hands the sum of \$3,496.56 of six per cent stock, of the United States in which sum is included \$123.60, being the amount of a certain certificate issued the 7th day of April, 1796, purchased on that day by the Treasurer; \$1,821.61 of three per cent. stock and \$1,879.17 of the deferred debt of the United States. The Committee also find that the Treasurer has received, including the balance in his hands on the last report, the sum of \$309.13, and hath paid \$83.63 for the expense of the Society 4th of July, 1795, at Elizabeth Town; and for the purchase of the above certificate of \$123.60, the sum of \$109.02; and for contingent expenses on warrants of the President \$18.96; and that there remains a balance in cash in the hands of the Treasurer of \$104.72.

1797.

The Standing Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find in his hands the sum of \$3,497.56 of six per cent. stock; \$2,262.91 of three per cent. stock, in which sum is included a certain certificate purchased by the Treasurer for the sum of \$441.30, issued the second of June, 1797, and bearing interest from the first of April preceding; and the sum of \$1,879.17 of the deferred debt of the United States; the Committee also find in the Treasurer's hands a certificate for \$40 of the denomination of final settlement issued by John Pierce, Esq., and paid forward by William Lloyd, Esq., at the last meeting of the Society, and which by the Statute of Limitation, cannot be funded in the stock of the United States.

The Treasurer has received in addition to the balance reported to be in his hands at the last meeting the further sum of \$251.78 and he hath paid to the Representative for their attendance in the General Society in May, 1796, the sum of \$60; the sum of \$75.85 for the expenses of the Society on the

last anniversary at Trenton, upon warrants drawn by the President; and also, the sum of \$220.65 for the purchase of the certificate of three per cent. stock as above stated, and that there remains a balance in cash in his hands of the sum of \$133.32.

1798.

The Standing Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the sum of \$5,373.46 of six per cent. stock, and the sum of \$1,879.17 of the deferred debt of the United States. The Treasurer has agreeably to a former order of the Society sold the sum of \$2,262.91, being the whole of three per cent. stock belonging to the funds of this Society, from the proceeds of which, with the addition of \$300 in cash, he has added to the six per cent. stock the sum of \$1,875.90.

The Committee still find in the Treasurer's hands the final settlement certificate for \$40, paid forward by William Lloyd, Esq., and which may now be funded by a late law of the United States. The Committee find that the Treasurer has received in addition to the balance reported to be in his hands at the last meeting, the further sum of \$403.10, and that he hath paid for the purchase of the six per cent. stock as above reported the sum of \$300; for the expenses of the Society on the last Anniversary at Elizabeth Town, \$102.-37; and also the sum of \$50 paid to William Shute, Esq., for the use of the widow of Capt. William Piatt and that there remains a balance in cash in his hands of the sum of \$84.05.

1799.

The Standing Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the sum of \$5,373.46 of six per cent. stock; and the sum of \$2,123.37 of the deferred stock of the United States, including the sum of \$294.20, purchased by the Treasurer since the last meeting, and also the sum of \$9.98 of the three per cent. stock arising from the funding of a final settlement note, \$40 paid forward by William Lloyd, Esq.

The Treasurer has received in addition to the balance of \$84.05, reported to be in his hands the last year, the sum of \$429.90, being interest and dividend of the public stock of the Society, and the further sum of \$41.28 arising from the funding of the final settlement note before mentioned, amounting in the whole to \$555.23.

That he hath paid the sum of \$210.84 for the purchase of the deferred stock as above reported; for the expenses of the Society at the last anniversary at Trenton, the sum of \$115.17; by order of the Society, the sums of \$4, to the Rev. James F. Armstrong, and \$30 to Gen. Bloomfield for defraying the funeral and other expenses of Maj. John Hollinshead, deceased, and of \$40, transmitted to Lieut. Abraham Stout, making in the whole \$400.01. There remains a balance in cash in his hands of the sum of \$155.20.

1800.

The Standing Committee have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the sum of \$5,373.46 of six per cent. stock; and the sum of \$2,173.37 of the deferred debt of the United States; and the sum of \$9.98 of three per

cent; and \$300 of the eight per cent. stock and also, the sum of \$76.83 in cash, which is the balance of cash now in his hands.

He has received, since the last meeting, of Lieut. Mahlon Ford in lieu of his deposit of one month's pay, \$36.50; and for one year's interest and dividend on the funds of the Society, \$432.61. He has expended as follows: To the delegates who attended the General Society in Philadelphia in May, 1799, \$84; the expenses of the Society at Joseph Lyon's in Elizabeth Town, \$145.50, and for the purchase of \$300 of eight per cent. stock, \$318, which leaves the above balance of \$76.83 in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Society requested the Treasurer to make such exchange of the whole or any part of the funds of the Society for such other stock as to him might seem productive of a greater revenue.

1801.

The Standing Committee reported that the Treasurer's accounts were examined and they find the sum of \$5,373.46 of six per cent. stock, and the sum of \$2,173.37 of the deferred debt of the United States, now bearing an interest of six per cent., and the sum of \$9.98 of three per cent.; also the sum of \$300 of the eight per cent. stock. It also appears that the sum of \$316.50 in cash has been placed in the hands of Maj. McEwen, of Philadelphia for the purpose of purchasing stock for the benefit of the Society. The Treasurer has expended since the last meeting the sum of \$175.71, exclusive of the money mentioned as placed in the hands of Maj. McEwen. The sum of \$69, the balance of cash, now remains in his hands.

1802.

The Standing Committee reported that they find in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of \$300 in eight per cent.; the sum of \$7,546.83 in nominal six per cent., and the sum of \$9.98 in three per cent. stock. They also find in his hands a certificate for the sum of \$397.66, nominal six per cent. stock, being the proceeds of the sum reported at the last meeting to be in the hands of Maj. McEwen, of Philadelphia. They further find a certificate of \$492.22 nominal six per cent. stock in his hands being the proceeds of \$400, principal and interest received by the Treasurer, since the last report making in the whole the sum of \$300 eight per cent.; \$8,436.71 six per cent. nominal, and \$9.98 three per cent. stock.

The Treasurer has expended since the report of the Committee at the last meeting, the sum of \$152.66, and the sum of \$197.57 in cash, inclusive of the \$20 returned by Maj. Shute into the Treasury by order of the Society at their last meeting now remains in his hands.

Ordered, That the President sign a warrant in favor of Gov. Bloomfield for \$5 for the payment of a box to contain the records of the Society.

Ordered, That a warrant be signed by the President for \$24 in favor of Abraham Brown for transcribing the minutes of the Society from July 4, 1797 to July 4, 1801, inclusive.

1803.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's

books and accounts, and find the several sums following vested in the public stock of the United States, viz.: \$300 in eight per cents.; \$9,069.15 in nominal six per cents., being in real stock on the first of this month about \$7,500.00 and \$9.98 in three per cents. In addition to the sum of \$197.57, cash remaining in the Treasurer's hands at the last settlement, he has since received in principal and interest arising on the funds, the sum of \$708.65, and he has disbursed the sum of \$627.22, inclusive of \$500 paid for the purchase of \$630.44 in nominal six per cent. stock, and now making a part of the before mentioned \$9,067.15, and that there now remains \$279, a balance of cash in his hands.

The Committee recommend to the Society that the Treasurer be authorized to dispose of the small certificate of three per cent. stock, amounting to \$9.98 and that the money arising therefrom be invested in six per cent. stock at his next purchase.

1804.

The Standing Committee reported that they have examined the Treasurer's books and accounts and has found the following sums which are vested in the public stock of the United States, viz.: \$300 in eight per cents.; \$7,457.62 in old six per cents., being in value at this time, \$5,681.96; \$2,714.84 in deferred six per cent. stock, being in value \$2,536.44, making a total value of \$8,518.43 of real stock, in which sum is included, \$1,105.31 in six per cent. stock being the produce of \$900 interest and principal of former stock, and \$5.68 the amount of a certificate of \$9.98 in three per cents. directed to be sold by the Treasurer and be invested in six per cent. stock.

The Treasurer had expended since the last meeting of the Society the sum of \$89.63, being the amount of the dinner bill and other expenses at Elizabeth Town. There now remains a balance in cash in his hands of \$99.39.

1805.

The Standing Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's books and accounts and found in his hands, the following sums which are vested in the funds of the United States, viz.: \$300 in eight per cent. stock; \$8,359.96 in old six per cent. stock, being in value at this time, \$6,075 and \$2,714.84 in deferred six per cent. stock, being in value at this time, \$2,469.20, making a total value of \$8,844.20 of real stock in which sum is included, \$902.34 in nominal old six per cent. stock, being the produce of \$600 interest and principal of former stock.

The Treasurer had expended since the last meeting of the Society the sum of \$179 and there remains in cash in his hands, \$157.31.

On Motion, Resolved, That the fees and instalments due from Lieut. Abraham Stout to the Treasury for the Society on the delivery of his diploma be remitted.

1806.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's books and accounts and they found the several following sums, which are vested in the stock of the United States, viz.: \$300 in eight per cent.;

\$8,359.96 in old six per cent. stock, being in value at this time, \$5,762.50; \$3,549.49 in deferred six per cent. stock, being in value at this time, \$3,136.18, making a total value of \$9,198.68, which makes an increase of capital in real stock since the last annual meeting of \$354.48; in which sum is included \$834.49 deferred six per cent. stock, being the proceeds of \$700, interest and principal of former stock. The Committee further report that the Treasurer has paid out since the last meeting of the Society, the sum of \$147.38, and that there now remains of cash in his hands, \$219.18.

1807.

The Standing Committee reported that they have examined the Treasurer's books and accounts, and find the several following sums, which are vested in the public stock of the United States, viz.: \$300 in eight per cent. stock, \$8,359.76 in old six per cent. stock, being in value at this time, \$5,430.58; \$4,439.13 in deferred six per cent. stock, being in value at this time, \$3,799.20, making a total value of \$9,529.78 real stock, which makes an increase of capital of \$331.10 since the last annual meeting. In which sum is included, \$889.80 deferred six per cent. stock, being the produce of \$750, interest and principal of former stock.

The Treasurer has paid out since the last meeting of the Society, the sum of \$276.37, and there now remains of cash in his hands, \$170.16.

1808.

The Treasurer of this Society reported that Messrs. McEwen, Hale and Davidson, brokers of the City of Philadelphia, have transacted the business of this Society in the funding and vesting from time to time the monies paid in upon the capital stock of this Society and have refused to receive any commissions for their trouble.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find that the six per cent. and deferred stock reported at the last meeting have been vested in permanent stock of the United States, and do amount to \$8,865.89, bearing an interest of six per cent. from January first, eighteen hundred and eight. And the \$300 eight per cent. stock, with the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, including the quarter ending the thirty-first of March last, hath produced the sum of \$967.45, permanent stock, payable with interest from the first of April, eighteen hundred and eight, making a total sum of \$9,833.34; producing a quarterly interest of \$147.50. The Treasurer has paid out since the last meeting, \$416.50, exclusive of the purchase of stock, and there now remains of cash in his hands, \$59.38.

Resolved, That \$166.66 or so much as may be necessary be appropriated to increasing the capital stock of the Society to \$10,000, and that the Treasurer take order accordingly.

1809.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find that he has invested in the permanent stock of the United States, the sum of \$166.66, which added to the sum of \$9,833.34, heretofore invested in similar stock, making a total sum of \$10,000, now in the hands of

the Treasurer, and producing a quarterly interest of \$150, commencing on the first day of last April. The Treasurer has paid out since the last meeting, the sum of \$673.82, including \$170 paid for additional permanent stock, as above mentioned, and that there is a balance now due the Treasurer of \$44.34.

1810.

The Standing Committee report that the Treasurer has now in his hands, in permanent six per cent. stock of the United States the sum of \$10,000, producing a quarterly interest of \$150. That he has paid out since the last meeting, the sum of \$495.54 pursuant to resolutions entered into by the Society, and that the sum of \$106.46 now remains in his hands unappropriated.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized and requested in this case to reinvest the funds of this Society to the same amount, in such other stock of the United States as he in his discretion shall deem most advisable.

1811.

The Standing Committee reported that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that in consequence of the arrangements made by the Treasury Department he has had paid to him, the sum of \$10,000, which constitutes the funds of the Society and which has been invested in six per cent. stock; and that he has reinvested the same in the following manner, viz.: \$7,600 in the stock of the Masonic Loan bearing interest at six per cent. per annum; \$2,400 in the converted three per cent. stock of the United States at a like interest.

The Committee further report that since the last settlement the Treasurer has paid to the order of the Society the sum of \$513.50, and that there remains a balance in his hands of \$38.46; and there was due on the first of this month arising from interest on its funds the sum of \$264.00; and that there will accrue to the Society on the first day of January next, the further sum in interest of \$300; making a total sum of \$602.46.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to advise the Treasurer to convert the funds of this Society in whole or in part into any other public stock, provided always that in no case they lessen the annual income under \$600 per annum if it can be so done without diminishing the capital sum of \$10,000. And in case of such advise, the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the same accordingly.

1812.

The Standing Committee has examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the permanent funds of the Society consist of the sum of \$10,000 of six per cent. stock, viz.:

Certificates of converted six per cent. stock of the United States loan office of the State of Pennsylvania for the sum of \$2,400; seventy-six certificates of the Masonic Loan in \$100 each.

The Committee reports that since the last settlement the Treasurer has paid to the order of the Society the sum of \$465, and that there remains at this time a balance in his hands of \$173.46. That there was due on the first

day of this month arising from interest on its funds the sum of \$264, and that there will accrue to the Society on the first day of January next, the further sum of \$300, making a total sum of \$733.44.

Resolved, That this Society accepts the bond offered by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer having informed the Society that \$2,400 stock of the United States, part of the permanent funds of this Society, will be discharged by the General Government on the first day of January next.

Resolved, That he be authorized and required in this case to reinvest the same in such other stock as shall be deemed most advisable.

Resolved, That Dr. Boudinot, Gen. Rhea and Maj. Cox be a Committee to advise with the Treasurer in the disposition of the funds of this Society.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to Dr. E. Boudinot, Gen. Cumming, Gen. Giles and Gen. Beatty \$20 each, being for their expenses in attending the General Society of Cincinnati, which sat in the City of Philadelphia in August last.

1813.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society consist of \$10,000 six per cent. stock, viz.: 76 certificates of the Masonic loan in \$100 each; also \$2,400 in six per cent. stock of the United States of 1812. The latter sum of \$2,400 directed to be reinvested by the Treasurer in such other stock as should be deemed most advisable. The Committee further reports that since the last settlement the Treasurer has paid to the order of the Society the sum of \$426 and that there remains at this time a balance in his hands of \$353.46. That there was due on the first day of this month arising from interest on its funds the sum of \$264, and that there will accrue to the Society on the first day of January next, the further sum of \$300, making a total of \$917.46.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to seal up the certificates composing the permanent funds of this Society and lodge them with the Cashier of the State Bank at Elizabeth for safe keeping.

1814.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of this Society to consist of \$10,000 six per cent. stock. The Committee further report that since the last settlement the Treasurer has paid to the order the Society the sum of \$537.52, and that there remains at this time a balance in his hands of \$415.94.

1815.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock, which have been examined and counted by the Committee and deposited in the vaults of the State Bank at Elizabeth.

The Committee further report that since the last settlement the Treasurer has received the sum of \$600 which with the balance then remaining in his hands makes the sum of \$1,015.94; and that there was due on the first instant

the further sum of \$264; and that the Treasurer has expended the sum of \$478.37, leaving a balance in his hands of \$547.57, which with the sum due as above on the first instant places at the disposition of the Society the sum of \$811.57.

The Committee recommend that in addition to the sum of \$10 advanced by and credited to the Treasurer on this day's settlement towards defraying the expenses of the funeral of Mrs. M. Barton, the widow of Capt. Wm. Barton, there be allowed and paid the further sum of \$20 to Sarah the daughter of the said deceased for the same purpose.

Ordered, That the surplus money over and above the capital of \$10,000, which shall remain in the Treasurer's hands on the rising of the Society shall be vested in the six per cent. stock of the United States by the Treasurer, and to remain as a separate fund for such purposes as may be ordered by the Society hereafter.

1816.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent stock. The Committee further report that agreeably to a resolution of the Society the Treasurer produced a loan office certificate of the United States for \$400, drawing an interest of six per cent., dated July 27, 1815, being the amount of the surplus monies in his hands. Since the last settlement the Treasurer has received the sum of \$618, which with the balance then remaining in his hands makes the sum of \$1,165.57, and that there was due on the first instant the further sum of \$270, and the Treasurer has expended the sum of \$823.75, leaving a balance in his hands of \$341.82, which with the sum due as above on the first instant places at the disposition of the Society the sum of \$611.82.

1817.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock, the certificates for which have been deposited in the vault of the State Bank at Elizabeth and the Committee report that agreeably to a resolution of the Society the Treasurer produced a loan office certificate of the United States for \$400, drawing an interest of six per cent., dated July 27, 1815, being the amount of the surplus monies then in his hands.

The Committee report that since the last settlement the Treasurer has received \$624, which in addition to \$341.82, the balance of last year makes the sum of \$965.82, and that there was due on the first of July instant, the further sum of \$220. The Treasurer has expended the sum of \$578, leaving a balance of \$387.82, which with the sum due as above on the first instant places at the disposal of the Society the sum of \$657.82.

1818.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society, the same as last year.

The Committee report that the Treasurer has received \$624, which in addition to \$387.82, the balance of last year, makes the sum of \$1,011.82. There was due on the first of July instant, the further sum of \$270. The Treasurer has expended the sum of \$585.96, which with the sum due as above on the first instant, places at the disposal of the Society the sum of \$695.86.

Resolved, That the Treasurer do pay two dollars and fifty cents for the expenses of the exposition of the seal of this Society to General Bloomfield, who is requested to accept the thanks of the Society for this renewed instance of his attention to its concerns.

Resolved, That the Treasurer do pay \$6 for 2 copies of Tylers fac-simile of the Declaration of Independence for the use of this Society, and that the Secretary take them in charge and put them in frame or other state of preservation and draw on the Treasurer for the expenses, who is hereby authorized to pay the same.

1819.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to be the same as last year.

The Treasurer has received \$624, which in addition to \$425.86, the balance of last year makes the sum of \$1,049.86. There was due on the first July instant, the further sum of \$270, and the Treasurer has expended the sum of \$594.19, leaving a balance of \$455.67, which with the sum due as above on the first instant places at the disposal of the Society the sum of \$725.67.

Resolved, That so much of the funds of this Society as consist of what is called the Masonic Loan, be disposed of by the Treasurer, and the proceeds thereof immediately and with as little delay as possible, vested in the funded six per cent. stock of the United States.

1820.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock of the United States.

One certificate for \$400 drawing an interest of six per cent., dated 16th of December, 1812, being the amount of the surplus funds in his hands. That \$7,600 of the above six per cent. has been obtained for the like sum of the Masonic Loan, exchanged agreeably to a resolution of the Society of the 4th July last, at a premium of \$237.

The Committee further report that since the last settlement the Treasurer has received \$651, which in addition to \$455.67, balance of last year, makes the sum of \$1,106.67, and that there was due on the first of July instant, the further sum of \$156. The Treasurer has expended the sum of \$892.75, leaving a balance of \$213.92, which with the sum due as above on the first instant, places at the disposal of the Society the sum of \$369.92.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the sum of \$237, having been expended as a premium in the exchange of the permanent stock of the Society the Treasurer

be authorized and directed to dispose of the surplus certificate of \$400 in order to aid the appropriation for charitable purposes and the incidental expenses of the Society for the current year.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to lodge the certificate of stock amounting to \$10,000, composing the permanent funds of this Society with the cashier of the Trenton Banking Company for safe keeping.

1821.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock of the United States.

The Treasurer has received \$1,036, including the proceeds of a sale of the Certificate of \$400, ordered to be sold by the Society at their last meeting, which in addition to \$213.92, balance of last year, makes the sum of \$1,249.92, and that there was due on the first of July instant, the further sum of \$150 and that the Treasurer has expended the sum of \$732.18, leaving a balance of \$517.74, which with the sum due as above on the first instant, places at the disposal of the Society the sum of \$667.74.

Resolved, That in future each attending member shall be entitled to receive of the Treasurer the sum of one-fifth of a dollar for every mile he shall have traveled (by the most direct route) from his place of residence to the place of meeting of the Society in each year. Provided, nevertheless, and it is hereby expressly declared; that the accustomed charities and such others, as may be dictated by a spirit of brotherly kindness towards those officers and their families, who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving them be first provided for; and provided, also that this disbursement for traveling expenses shall in no one year, exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

1822.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to be the same as last year, which agreeably to order are deposited in the Trenton Bank.

The Treasurer has received \$600, which in addition to \$517.74, balance of last year makes the sum of \$1,117.74, and there was due on the first of July, the further sum of \$150; and that the Treasurer has expended the sum of \$506.45, leaving a balance of \$611.29, which with the sum as above on the first instant, places at the disposal of the Society, the sum of \$761.29.

1823.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the late Treasurer as exhibited by Gen. John Beatty, and find the permanent funds of this Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock of the United States.

The Committee further report that by means of the death of Col. Beatty, the Treasurer since the last meeting they have passed upon his accounts, and find that there was a balance in his hands on the 4th July, 1822 of \$761.29, inclusive of \$150, a quarters interest, due on that date, and that he has expended the sum of \$666.29, leaving a balance due of \$95. This balance, together

with three quarters interest due on the funds of the Society, amount to \$545 are now in the hands of Gen. J. Beatty, and ready to be paid over to the order of the Society; and that there was due on the first instant another quarters interest of \$150, making the sum of \$695, now at the disposal of the Society.

1824.

The Standing Committee report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock of the United States.

The Committee further report that since the last settlement the Treasurer has received \$1,118, which in addition to \$95 balance of last year, makes the sum of \$1,213; and there was due on the first of July instant, the further sum of \$150, and the Treasurer has expended the sum of \$452.27, leaving a balance of \$760.23, which, with the sum as above, on the first instant, places at the disposal of the Society the sum of \$910.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed in case any of the Public stock of this Society should be redeemable in January next, to reinvest the amount in other stock of the United States at a rate of interest not less than six per cent. at his discretion, whenever he shall deem it most for the interest of the Society.

*Resolved, That the President be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the expenses of this meeting in the usual manner as at our anniversary meeting.

1825.

It was ordered that the Treasurer pay to Wm. Shute for his attendance on the Society at this time, the same rate for milage as if he were a member of this Society.

The Standing Committee made the following report: That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock of the United States.

The Treasurer has received \$600, which with the balance then on hand of \$760.23, amounts to the sum of \$1,360.23, and that there was due on the first day of this present month of July, the further sum of \$150. The Treasurer has expended the sum of \$816.87, leaving a balance in his hands of \$543.36, exclusive of the \$150 due the first instant.

1826.

The Standing Committee report that the late Treasurer Gen. Beatty had received \$628, which with the balance then on hand of \$543.36, amounts to the sum of \$1,271.36. The Treasurer expended during the last year the sum of \$682.61, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$588.75, exclusive of all interest on the above certificate of United States stock.

They have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock of the United States.

* NOTE.—This was for a special meeting held at Trenton September 25, 1824, to meet Major General Lafayette.—W. T. B. S. IMLAY, *Secretary*.

1827.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of the sum of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock of the United States. The Treasurer General Elmer, has received \$1,100 (Davidson & Haile of Philadelphia having retained \$100 for the premium of exchange of stock in 1825), and that the Treasurer General Elmer has paid out of the said sum for traveling expenses of members at the meeting at Trenton, 1826, the sum of \$172.40; for expenses of Society at meeting, \$143.75; sundry incidental expenses at meeting \$11.54; donations to the widows, being six widows at \$40 each, \$240; Garret D. Wall on the order of the President of the Society, \$50; Robert L. Armstrong, on the order of the President, \$50, which said sums amounting to \$667.69 deducted from the said sum of \$1,100 received, leaves a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$432.31.

The Committee in calling the attention of the Society to the fact, hope to prevent its future occurrence, that at the last meeting at Trenton, application was made to the Treasurer by several persons not residents of the State, for traveling expenses, and in the hurry of departure their expenses were paid by him, this was contrary to the regulations of the Society, and such accounts will never hereafter be passed by this Committee.

1828.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer General Elmer and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of \$10,000 in the public stocks of the United States. The Treasurer paid out of the monies by him before received for the expenses of the last year as follows: For traveling expenses of the members of the meeting at Elizabeth Town in 1827, the sum of \$106.40; for the expenses of the Society at the said meeting, \$161.31; and for sundry incidental expenses at the said meeting, \$24.27; and for the donations to the widows and others, \$125; amounting in the whole to \$416.98; that after the disbursements aforesaid, there remained in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$25.32.

The Treasurer has since received from the estate of General Beatty, the late Treasurer, the sum of \$88.75, and from Hall and Davison the interest on the permanent fund of \$600, and that there is now a balance in his hands of the sum of \$704.04 at the disposal of the Society.

1829.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer General Elmer, and find the permanent funds of the Society to consist of \$10,000 in six per cent. stock of the United States of the year 1814. The said sum of \$10,000, together with the sum of \$150, being one quarters interest thereof on the first day of July was payable on that day, and that the same now produces no interest.

The Standing Committee do therefore recommend to the Society that the said sum of \$10,000 be vested in the public debt of the United States by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose by the Society.

The Committee further report that the Treasurer has paid out of the

monies by him before received, for the expenses of the last year as follows: For the traveling expenses of the members of the meeting, \$136.40; for the expenses of the Society at said meeting, \$158.37; and for sundry incidental expenses at the said meeting, \$13.27; and for the donations to the widows and others, \$320, making in the whole the sum of 628.04. That after the disbursements aforesaid there remained in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$76.03. That the Treasurer has since received from Hale & Davison the interest on the permanent fund to the first April, 1829. The sum of \$600, and that there is now a balance in his hands of \$676.03.

The Committee report that of the sum paid at the last meeting for the expenses of the Society the sum of \$24.87½ was improperly charged and paid for the Tavern Bills of certain of the members. The Committee have with reluctance passed so much of this bill at this time, and they take occasion to announce that except by the instructions of the Society they will not allow such bills in time to come.

The Standing Committee beg leave to recommend to the Society to pass a resolution refusing traveling expenses after this day to any other than original members.

It appeared to the Committee that on the occasion of the late application of the surviving officers of the Revolution to Congress for relief, this Society loaned to the applicants the sum of \$150, to be returned to them only in case Congress should pass some law in relief. It now appears to the Committee that a law in relief has been passed and that therefore the said sum of \$150, heretofore advanced to the President of the Society in pursuance of the foregoing resolution ought to be returned that the same may be applied to the objects of benevolence and charity contemplated in the formation of this Society.

Resolved, That Gen. Ebenezer Elmer, Charles Ewing, Esq., and Robert L. Armstrong, Esq., be authorized to invest the capital stock of this Society (now payable) in such of the public stock of the United States, or of any of the Individual States as the said Gen. Elmer, Judge Ewing and Col. Armstrong, may deem most advantageous to the interest of the Society.

Resolved, That the sum of \$100 be paid by the Treasurer out of any monies which may heretofore be received by him to Mrs. Mary Barber in full for the services of George C. Barber, deceased, as secretary of this Society.

1830.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer Col. R. L. Armstrong, and that they find that there was in the hands of the late Treasurer on the 4th July, 1829, the sum of \$76.03, which sum the present Treasurer has received, and that he has further received from the late Treasurer the additional sum of \$600, being the interest of \$10,000 up to the first April, 1829, making in the whole the sum of \$676.03.

The Treasurer has paid out of the monies by him received for the expenses of the last year as follows: For the traveling expenses of the members at the last meeting, \$130.20; for the expenses of the Society at said meeting,

\$155.31; for donations to the widows and others, the sum of \$300; making in all the sum of \$585.52.

That the Treasurer has received from Hale & Davidson the interest on the permanent fund to first of April, 1830, the sum of \$340.91, being the interest up to that date on \$10,101, invested by a Committee of this Society, and that he has also received \$150 for the quarters interest due the first July, 1829, and then paid together with the principal. There is now in the hands of the Treasurer subject to the order of the Society, the sum of \$581.43. The permanent fund of this Society now consist of one certificate in the public debt of the United States for \$10,000, and one certificate in the same public debt for \$101, both dated September 3, 1829, and bearing an interest at four one-half per annum.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the warrant of the President on the recommendation of the Standing Committee in favor of Maj. Kollock for \$30.

Resolved, That the Treasurer come prepared to make his report to the Standing Committee in reference to the funds of the Society before the appointed time of meeting.

Resolved, That the resolution passed 4th July, 1828, allowing Maj. Shute \$20 traveling expenses be repealed and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay him mileage from Jersey City.

1831.

The Standing Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent funds of the Society to be the same as the last year reported. That the Treasurer paid out of the monies by him received for the expenses of last year as follows: For the traveling expenses of the members to the meeting at Trenton, 1830, \$116; for the expenses of the Society at said meeting, \$92.78, and for the donations to the widows and others, \$295. In this last mentioned sum is included \$100 to Mrs. M. Barber, \$30 to Col. Kollock ordered the year previous, but not before paid.

After the above disbursements, there remained in the hands of the Treasurer, \$77.47. The Treasurer has since received the interest on the permanent fund for one year up to the first April last inclusive, amounting to \$454.54, making together, \$532.01, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

1832.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the permanent funds of the Society heretofore invested and reported to the Society consisting of one certificate in the public debt of the United States for \$10,000, and one other certificate in the same debt for \$101, have since the last meeting undergone such alteration as to require the specific order and direction of the Society. That is to say, that the aforesaid debt of \$101, was payable on the first day of January last, and that no interest has been received or is receivable thereon from that date and in like manner, that the aforesaid debt of \$10,000 was payable on the first day of April last, and that no interest has been received or is receivable thereon from that date, and that the aggregate sum and capital of \$10,101 is now

subject to the order of this Society and deposited by the Government in the Bank of the United States. That the Treasurer paid out of monies by him received, for the expenses of last year as follows: For the traveling expenses of the members to the meeting at Newark in 1831, the sum of \$123; for the expenses of the Society at the said meeting, \$75; and for the donations to the widows and others the sum of \$250.

That after the above disbursements there remained in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$83.99. That the Treasurer has since received the interest on the permanent fund up to the time of the payment, amounting to the sum of 152.39, making together the sum of \$536.38, out of which is to be deducted the sum of \$30 paid by the Treasurer for the delegates to the General Society, leaving \$506.30 at the disposal of this Society.

The Standing Committee estimate the probable expenses of this meeting to \$200. The Committee do therefore recommend that \$225 be distributed in charities to the widows and others who are to receive the benevolence of this Society.

Resolved, That Col. Armstrong, Chas. Ewing, Esq., and J. W. Reckless, Esq., be authorized to invest the capital stock of this Society now payable, in such of the public stocks of the United States or of the individual States, as the said Committee may deem most advantageous for the interests of the Society.

1833.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the permanent funds of the Society consist of one certificate of stock in the debt of the United States for \$10,000 bearing date September 3, 1829. And one other certificate of the same stock and of the same date for \$101. That the said sums are by law payable, and that no interest has been received or is receivable thereon since the first of April, 1832. The capital stock was not reinvested and the certificates are now herewith reported to the Society.

The Committee beg leave to report that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer over and above the said two certificates and after paying the appropriation of last year, together with the expenses of the last meeting, the sum of \$118.94.

Resolved, That when this Society appoint a Treasurer, that such Treasurer shall give security for the funds that shall be placed in his hands, agreeably to the by-law.

Resolved, That a Committee of three members be appointed of whom the Treasurer shall be one, for the purpose of investing the funds of this Society, and that the evidence of such investment remain in the hands of the said Committee, until the Treasurer shall have given security, agreeably to the previous resolution of this Society.

Resolved, That we proceed to the appointment of Treasurer. Whereupon Mr. Reckless was elected Treasurer and Messrs. Thomas and Pennington appointed a Committee with the Treasurer to invest the funds.

1834.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the permanent funds of the Society consist of a certificate of trust issued by the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company in the sum of \$10,100.50, payable to Joseph W. Reckless, George C. Thomas and William Pennington, the Committee heretofore appointed, bearing interest at five per cent. and dated the fifth day of December, eighteen hundred and thirty-three. Signed by William Bard as President and E. A. Nicholl, Secretary, and which said certificate is herewith exhibited to the Society. And the Committee report, that there remained in the Treasury, as by the settlement of accounts on the fourth day of July last, \$118.94, and that the Treasurer has paid thereout \$100.56, leaving a balance in his hands, to be appropriated by the Society of \$18.38.

Resolved, That the investment of the funds by the Committee appointed for that purpose is entirely satisfactory.

The Committee also report to the Society a claim of Wm. B. Heard for traveling expenses at the time he was admitted to membership as successor of his father. The Society decided not to admit the claim.

Resolved, That when the Treasurer is in funds a sum not exceeding \$20 be paid to the President of the Society for services rendered in relation to the investment of the funds.

Resolved, That the law requiring security from the Treasurer be rescinded.

Resolved, That the amount invested by the Society in the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company be reduced to \$10,000.

Resolved, That no order for the payment of the principal sum or any part of such principal sum, of the money of the Society, now deposited in the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company shall be made by the Society except at their regular annual meeting.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Society do draw the interest due or to become due, from the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company semi-annually, and that he immediately reinvest the interest in the same company for the first half year, commencing on the fifth day of July in each year, upon the same terms and upon the same conditions as the original loan to the said company.

1835.

The Standing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Joseph W. Reckless, Esq., and find that the permanent funds of the Society remain as is stated in last year's report and consist of a certificate of trust issued by the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company in the sum of \$10,100.50, payable to Joseph W. Reckless, George C. Thomas and William Pennington, Committee, heretofore appointed; bearing interest at five per cent., dated fifth December, 1833, signed by Wm. Bard, President and E. A. Nichols, Secretary; \$100.50 of which have been drawn out by the Society and placed in the Treasurer's current accounts, which said certificate is herewith exhibited to the Society.

The Committee further report that by the accounts of the Treasurer it appears that there is a balance against the Society of \$9.68.

1836.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the permanent funds of the Society heretofore invested and reported to the Society consist of one certificate of trust issued by the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company for the sum of \$10,100.50 bearing interest at five per cent., and it appears to the Standing Committee that \$100.50 of the principal sum due on the aforesaid certificate have been drawn out by order of the Society and by them appropriated, leaving the permanent fund of this Society the sum of \$10,000. The Treasurer has paid out of the monies received by him for the expenses of last year as follows: For the traveling expenses of the members at the meeting at Elizabeth Town in 1835, the sum of \$134.40; for the expenses of the Society at the said meeting, \$99.37; and for the donation to widows and others the sum of \$304.40. The Treasurer has received as interest by the order of the Society from the Life & Trust Company, aforesaid, since the last meeting the sum of \$506.25.

That there was prior to the said receipt of interest a balance due to the Treasurer of \$7.20; there is therefore in the Treasury of the annual income of the Society, \$429.05.

1837.

The Standing Committee reported that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the permanent fund of the Society consists of one certificate of trust on which certificate \$100.50 has been paid and the same has been endorsed by order of the Society and by them appropriated, leaving the permanent fund of this Society the sum of \$10,000.

The Treasurer has paid out of the monies received by him for the expenses of last year as follows: For the traveling expenses of the members at the meeting at Trenton in 1836, the sum of \$91.40; for the expenses of the Society at the said meeting, the sum of \$91.75; for the donations to the widows and others the sum of \$265; the Treasurer has received as interest, \$506.25; there was previous to the receipt of the interest a balance in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$50.90. The Standing Committee estimate that there is in the Treasury of the annual income of the Society, the sum of \$240, subject to the order of the Society for charitable purposes.

1838.

The Standing Committee reported that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the permanent fund of the Society heretofore invested and reported to the Society the same as last year.

The Treasurer has paid out of the money received by him for the expenses of last year as follows: For the traveling expenses of the members at the meeting of Elizabeth Town in 1837, \$97; for the expenses of the Society at the said meeting, \$93; for the donation to the widows and others, \$240; for the standard of the Society, the sum of \$75.

The Treasurer has received as interest, \$506.25. There was prior to the receipt of the interest a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$52.15. The Standing Committee estimate that there is in the Treasury of the annual income of the Society, subject to the order of the Society for charitable purposes, \$360.

1839.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same to be correct.

That the permanent fund of the Society amounts to \$10,000. That the amount at the disposal of the Society at this time for expenses and donations is \$528.25. There will probably be required \$91.60 for the traveling expenses of the members; \$100 for the expenses at the hotel, leaving \$336.65 to be appropriated to donations.

1840.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the permanent fund of the Society is \$10,000.

The Treasurer has paid out of the monies received by him for the expenses of last year as follows: For the traveling expenses of the members of the meeting at Elizabeth Town, \$112; for the expenses of the Society at the same meeting \$107.75; for the donations to the widows and others the sum of \$313.

The Treasurer had received as interest, \$506.25, and that he had previously in his hands, \$22; so that after the payments aforementioned the Treasurer was in advance, \$4.45.

The following estimates are submitted. There will probably be required for the traveling expenses of the members this day attending the sum of \$95; for the expenses of the Society this day, \$100; for an appropriation made for crape for the members, \$10. The sum probably at the disposal of the Society, and to be appropriated in donations from the interest received to this day will be \$295.

1841.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer. They have also examined the certificate of deposit of the New York Life & Trust Company, and they find that the permanent fund of the Society amounting to \$10,000 is safe and undiminished.

That the capital of ten thousand dollars bears an interest of five per cent. per annum payable every six months.

The Committee report that the amount of income for the year ending the 4th July, 1840, paid into the hands of the Treasurer was as follows:

Interest on \$10,000 at 5 per cent.....	\$500.00
Interest on \$250 for 6 months.....	6.25
Total	<hr/> \$506.25

And the following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer under the order of the Society:

Traveling expenses paid to members.....	\$93.80
Donations	294.00
To W. Whitlock	6.00
“ R. H. Cumming (for crape and expenses)....	10.00
“ Balance due the Treasurer at last settlement...	4.45
“ W. Snowden (for dinner).....	100.00
Total	<u>\$508.25</u>

Which left due the Treasurer on the 4th of July, 1840	<u>2.00</u>
Total	<u>\$506.25</u>

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to Mr. Walker six dollars for his expenses in attending this meeting of the Society.

Resolved, That hereafter the Treasurer for the time being of this Society be authorized to draw the interest, which may accrue from time to time on their funds deposited and now in the hands of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Company, and that his receipt for the same shall be a discharge to the said company therefor.

1842.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and also the duplicate of deposit of the New York Life & Trust Company and find that the funds of the Society, amounting to \$10,000 are separate and untouched bearing an interest of five per cent. the certificate of deposit having been submitted to and examined by them.

They also report that the accounts of the Treasurer are correct, and that a balance of \$85.71 remains in his hands. This balance is unusually large and arises from the circumstances that the expenses of the Society at its last meeting were less than usual, and from the further circumstance that a premium of \$14.91 was obtained by the Treasurer for the Society's last annual draft, and that the donation of \$20 voted to Mrs. Hendry remains unpaid. The Treasurer in whose hands it was left being unacquainted with the residence of Mrs. Hendry and not having been able to find her son in Philadelphia, to whom he has hitherto paid it.

The Committee further report that the amount of income for the year ending the 4th of July, 1841, paid into the hands of the Treasurer was as follows:

Interest on \$10,000 at 5 per cent.....	\$500.00
Interest on \$250 for 6 months.....	6.25
Total	<u>\$506.25</u>
Premium on Society's draft as above.....	14.91
Total	<u>\$521.16</u>

And the following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer under the order of the Society :

Traveling expenses paid to members.....	\$142.20
Donations	220.00
To R. H. Cumming for crape.....	2.00
Donation to Aaron T. Walker.....	6.00
James Elwell for refreshments	30.00
Grieve & Jacob (for wines).....	26.37
Advertising	4.00
Belt for Standard Bearer.....	2.87
Balance due Treasurer last settlement.....	2.00
“ in Treasurer's hands at this date.....	85.71
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Total	\$521.16

The Committee recommend that the sum of \$17 be paid to Jos. W. Scott, Esq., Vice-President, for attending the General Society of Cincinnati at Philadelphia. The sum of \$2.00 to R. H. Cumming for crape to the members.

1843.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and also the certificate of the Government of the United States, dated 2d February, 1843, No. 109 for \$10,000 and find the same safe and untouched, bearing an interest of six per cent., the certificate having been submitted to and examined by them. They also report that the accounts of the Treasurer are correct, and that a balance of \$16.84 remained at this date to the Treasurer.

The Committee further report that the amount of income for the year ending the 4th July, 1842, paid into the hands of the Treasurer was as follows :

One year's interest on Bond of \$10,000.....	\$500.00
Six month's interest on \$250.....	6.25
Balance in the Treasurer's hands.....	85.71
“ due the Treasurer.....	16.84
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Total	\$608.80

The following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer under the orders of the Society :

Cash paid for donations.....	\$300.00
“ traveling expenses	116.80
“ for dinners	107.50
“ for wine	40.50
“ Delegate to the General Society.....	17.00
“ for crape for the use of the members.....	2.00
“ for a band of music.....	25.00
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Total	\$608.80

The Committee on the subject of changing the investment of the funds of the Society reported that they have attended to the duty assigned them, by withdrawing the funds from the New York Life & Trust Co. and investing the same in a Bond of the United States at six per cent. The principal sum received was \$10,000, which was invested in a Bond of the United States, payable unto Garret D. Wall, Wm. Pennington and Robert D. Spencer for the Cincinnati Society of New Jersey upon their joint order, until the 4th day of July next, and from and after that time to such order or persons as the said Society of the Cincinnati shall designate by resolution duly certified by the President and Secretary for the said sum of \$10,000. The interest was received in cash and paid over to the Treasurer. The report was in all things affirmed, the script for the investment being produced was by order of the Society placed in the hands of Robert D. Spencer, the Treasurer, whereupon the Committee were discharged with the thanks of the Society for their services.

Resolved, That Robert D. Spencer, Esq., Treasurer of the Society be designated as the person to receive in behalf of said Society, the interest due and owing upon the bond or certificate of the United States for \$10,000, dated February 2, 1843.

1844.

The Standing Committee report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer Robt. D. Spencer, Esq., and also the certificate of the Government of the United States, for \$10,000, and find the same safe and untouched, bearing an interest of six per cent. They also report that the accounts of the Treasurer are correct and that a balance of \$3.69 remains now due from the Treasurer.

The Committee further report that the amount of income for the year ending the 4th July, 1843, paid into the hands of the Treasurer was as follows:

One year's interest on Bond of \$10,000.....	\$545.39
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The following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer under the orders of the Society:

Cash paid for donations.....	\$299.00
“ “ “ traveling expenses	115.80
“ “ “ dinners and wine	100.00
“ “ “ Standard Staff75
“ “ “ crape	2.00
“ “ “ Treasurer for investing funds....	7.31
Balance due Treasurer on previous account.....	16.84
“ in the hands of Treasurer.....	3.69
Total	<u>\$545.39</u>

There also remains due to Col. Scott the sum of \$15 for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the General Convention of the Society, together with the sum of \$19, being the balance due for dinners, the sum of only \$100 being appropriated.

1845.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and also the certificate of the Government of the United States, dated the 2d day of February, 1843, for \$10,000, and find the same safe and untouched bearing an interest of six per cent.

They also report that the accounts of the Treasurer are correct and that a balance of \$3.73 remains at this date due to the Treasurer.

The Committee further report that the amount of income for the year ending the 4th July, 1845, paid into the hands of the Treasurer was as follows:

One year's interest on Bond of \$10,000.....	\$600.00
Less the amount due the Treasurer the last settlement	3.73
Total	<u>\$596.27</u>
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer.....	\$596.27

The following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer under the orders of the Society:

Cash paid for donations	\$322.00
“ “ “ traveling expenses	140.60
“ “ “ dinner	100.00
“ “ “ Delegates to the General Society...	15.00
“ “ “ crape	3.32
“ “ “ expenses at church	7.50
“ “ “ balance dinner bill, 1843.....	19.00
Total	<u>\$607.42</u>

Resolved, That the allowance to members for traveling expenses be reduced to ten cents per mile, which was referred to Capt. De Hart, Mr. Bloomfield and Mr. Spencer.

1846.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and also the certificate of the Government of the United States, dated the 2d February, 1843, for \$10,000, and find the same safe and untouched bearing an interest of six per cent.

They also report that the accounts of the Treasurer are correct and that a balance of \$3.73 remained due the Treasurer at the last settlement, and there is now due the Treasurer, \$10.15 on disbursements for the year 1845. The Committee further report that the amount of income for the year ending the 4th of July, 1845, paid into the hands of the Treasurer was as follows:

One year's interest on the Bond of \$10,000.....	\$600.00
Less balance due in former settlement.....	3.73
Total	<u>\$596.27</u>

The following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer under the orders of the Society:

Cash paid for donations.....	\$260.00
“ “ “ traveling expenses of members....	164.20
“ “ to Wm. Snowden for dinner.....	120.00
“ “ for expenses G. C. Thomas attending the General Society	20.00
Cash paid Jos. W. Scott.....	15.00
“ “ W. C. De Hart (balance dinner bill, 1844)	3.80
“ “ J. W. Wall (for music).....	15.00
“ “ J. Cook (carriage for orator).....	5.50
Total	<u>\$606.42</u>
Balance due the Treasurer.....	\$10.15

Resolved, That hereafter the expenses of the Society's anniversary dinner is not to exceed \$75, and that all guests are to be invited by the vote of the Society.

The Committee in relation to mileage reported in favor of continuing the present rate, but in no case to exceed the sum of \$15.

1847.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Society, and also the certificate of the Government of the United States, dated the 3d February, 1843 for \$10,000, bearing an interest of six per cent., which they find to be correct.

They also report that there is a balance due the Treasurer last year of \$10.15.

The Committee further report that there is in the hands of the Treasurer one year's interest on the certificate of \$10,000.....	\$600.00
Deduct the balance due the Treasurer.....	10.15
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	\$589.85

The following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer under the orders of the Society:

Cash paid for donations.....	\$309.00
“ “ “ traveling expenses for members...	111.40
“ “ “ dinners	124.00
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The Committee also report that there is in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$45.45.

1848.

The Standing Committees report that they have inspected the certificate for the loan of the United States, in which the funds of the Society are invested and that they find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer. They have also examined the Treasurer's accounts which they find to be correct; and by which it appears that there is now in the hands of the Treasurer subject to the order of this Society the sum of \$645.23.

They report that the accounts of the Treasurer are as follows: He is charged with one year's interest on the loan amounting to the sum of \$600, together with the sum of \$45.45, the balance remaining in the hands of Treasurer upon the accounts of the fifth of July, 1846.

The following disbursements were made by the Treasurer:

Amounts paid by the Treasurer:

For donations	\$314.00
“ dinners	107.50
“ traveling expenses	161.60
“ donations to citizens.....	15.00
“ crape	2.12
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Total	\$600.22

The balance now in the hands of the Treasurer therefore is \$45.23, which with the interest upon the United States Loan makes the sum of \$645.23.

The Committee recommend that there be paid to R. H. Cumming the sum of \$2.10 for crape paid by him in 1846, and which has never been paid to him, and also the sum of \$3.15 for crape purchased at this meeting and at the funeral of Capt. De Hart, and to George C. Thomas, the sum of \$5 for

ribbons purchased by him for badges. And it is further advised that the sum of \$2 be paid for the traveling expenses of the Orator and his wife.

1849.

The Standing Committee report that they have inspected the certificate of the loan of the United States, in which the funds of the Society are invested and that they find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting to \$10,000.

They have also examined the Treasurer's accounts which they find to be correct; and by which it appears that there is now in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the order of this Society the sum of \$645.23.

The accounts of the Treasurer stand as follows: He is charged with one year's interest on the United States Loan amounting to \$600, together with the sum of \$45.23, the balance remaining in his hands upon the accounts of the fourth of July, 1848.

The following disbursements were made by the Treasurer:

Amounts paid by the Treasurer:	
For donations	\$322.00
“ dinners	95.73
“ traveling expenses	152.80
“ crapes	19.19
Messrs. Walker and Hurd (for donations).....	25.00
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Total	\$614.92
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	30.51
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Total	\$645.23

The Committee recommend that the sum of \$3 be paid to Col. J. W. Scott, for the traveling expenses of the Rev. Dr. Davison.

The Committee further recommend that the sum of \$47 be paid to Col. Scott and G. C. Thomas for the their expenses in attending the meeting of the General Society in Philadelphia in November last.

1850.

The Standing Committee report that they have inspected the certificate of the loan of the United States amounting to \$10,000, and they find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

They have also examined the Treasurer's account, which they find to be correct. They find that there is now in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the order of this Society the sum of \$30.31. They further report that the accounts of the Treasurer are as follows: He is charged with one year's interest on the loan amounting to \$600 together with \$30.31, the balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer upon the accounts of the fourth of July, 1849, making altogether the sum of \$630.31.

The following disbursements were made by the Treasurer :

Amounts paid by the Treasurer :

For donations	\$255.00
“ dinners	200.00
“ traveling expenses	105.80
“ crape	1.42
“ music	25.00
“ expenses of Delegates to General Society..	47.00
“ traveling expenses of Dr. Davison.....	3.00
Total	<u>\$637.22</u>

Leaving a balance against the Society in favor of the Treasurer of \$6.71.

1851.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correctly stated, and there is a balance due to him of \$11.66.

1852.

The Standing Committee report that they have inspected the certificate of the loan of the United States for \$10,000, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer. They have also examined the Treasurer's accounts, which they find to be correct, by which it appears that there is now in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$576.08.

They report that the accounts are as follows: He is charged with one year's interest on the loan amounting to \$600. That the Treasurer has paid \$20, a donation granted to Mrs. Armstrong the last year out of the semi-annual interest on the loan paid in January last, which together with \$3.92, the balance due the Treasurer last year, leaves the sum of \$576.08.

The following disbursements were made by the Treasurer :

Amount paid for donations.....	\$295.00
“ “ “ dinners	143.00
“ “ “ traveling expenses	121.60
“ “ “ crape	2.66
Amount paid for expenses of Delegates to General Society	30.00
Amount paid to Treasurer (previous settlement) ..	11.66
Total	<u>\$603.92</u>

1853.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of R. D. Spencer, Esq., Treasurer of the Society, and find the same to be

correct. They also report that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$87.82.

The accounts of the Treasurer are as follows: He is charged with one year's interest on the loan of the United States of \$10,000, amounting to \$600, which with the sum of \$87.82, now in his hands makes the sum of \$687.82 at the disposal of the Society.

The following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer under the orders of the Society:

By balance due the Treasurer at the last settlement.	\$3.92
By cash paid for traveling expenses.....	86.20
For donations	287.00
For dinners	135.06
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer.....	87.82
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Total	\$600.00

They recommend the payment of the following expenses incurred at the last celebration at New Brunswick, \$5 to the sexton and \$3 for work done at the Church, and that the same be paid to Col. Scott.

They recommend that the sum of \$1 be paid for the hall, in which the services were conducted this day.

1854.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Society and find the same to be correct, by which it appears that there was a balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 4th of July, 1853 of \$169.08.

The Treasurer is charged with one year's interest on the loan of the United States of \$10,000, amounting to \$600, which with the sum of \$169.08 as above stated makes the sum of \$769.08 at the disposal of the Society.

They report that they have inspected the certificate of the loan of the United States, in which the funds of the Society are invested, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting to \$10,000.

The following disbursements have been made by the Treasurer:

Donations	\$285.00
Traveling expenses	73.60
Dinners	149.89
Col. J. W. Scott (for sexton).....	8.00
General J. Cadwalader (for the use of the hall at Trenton)	1.00
Francis Barber, Secretary (for crape).....	1.25
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Total	\$518.74

They also report that the expenses of L. Q. C. Elmer, Esq., to the General Society be paid him.

Resolved, That L. Q. C. Elmer's name be inserted in the certificate of the Loan of the United States to this Society for \$10,000, instead of General Wall, deceased, and that he be Chairman of the Committee, consisting of himself now appointed, Gov. Pennington and the Treasurer to act on that subject.

1855.

The Standing Committee report, that they have examined the accounts of Robert D. Spencer, Esq., late Treasurer of this Society and find the same correct, by which it appears that there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands on the 4th of July, 1854 of \$13.25.

They report that the interest on \$10,000 amounting to \$600 has been received by the late Treasurer, which with \$13.25 in his hands as above stated makes the sum \$613.25.

The following disbursements have been made by the late Treasurer :

Cash paid members for traveling expenses.....	\$112.60
Cash paid for donations	322.00
J. W. Scott for expenses to General Society.....	39.40
George C. Thomas for expenses to General Society.	39.40
For tassel and cord for flag.....	5.00
For crape	1.81
For dinner bill	235 62
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Total	\$755.83
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	13.25

They recommend that the Hon. Judge Elmer be paid the assessment on the New Jersey State Society made at the meeting held in Charleston in February last, amounting to \$10.

1856.

Resolved, That Gov. Pennington, the surviving Trustee in conjunction with the Treasurer and L. Q. C. Elmer, if they deem it advisable sell the United States stock belonging to this Society and invest the money in Pennsylvania State Stock, or other stock in their discretion safe, the same to be held in the names of Wm. Pennington, L. Q. C. Elmer, and the Treasurer, John McDowell as Trustees for the Society.

The Standing Committee report that they have inspected the certificate for the loan of the United States for \$10,000, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer. They have also examined the Treasurer's accounts, which they find to be correct, by which it appears that there was in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$58.10, to which add \$600, the interest on the loan for the past year will make the sum of \$658.10, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year are as follows:

Cash paid for traveling expenses	\$102.40
Cash paid for donations	270.00
Cash paid to the General Society.....	10.00
Dinner bill at Trenton.....	159.50
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Total	\$541.90

Mr. Elmer moved that the Treasurer be authorized to procure blank certificates of membership to be sealed with the seal of the Society for each member at a cost not exceeding \$10. Carried unanimously.

1857.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate of the United States for \$10,000, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer. They have also examined the Treasurer's account, which they find to be correct showing a balance in his hands this day of \$41.49 to which add the sum of \$600, the interest on the loan for the past year, making the sum of \$641.49.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year were as follows:

By cash paid traveling expenses.....	\$122.80
“ “ “ donations	300.00
“ “ “ expenses for General Society.....	50.00
“ “ “ dinner at Freehold	123.07
“ “ “ crape	2.74
“ “ “ Matthias Ogden (services rendered)	18.00
By cash in the hands of the Treasurer.....	41.49
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Total	\$658.10

They would recommend the appropriation of \$85 for traveling expenses.

The Committee would also recommend that the sum of \$11.40 be allowed to R. V. Dey in full for services as standard bearer to date.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting, viz.: Governor Pennington, L. Q. C. Elmer and John McDowell, to whom was entrusted, if they deemed advisable, the sale of the United States Stock belonging to this Society, with power to invest the same in Pennsylvania State or other stock which they in their judgment deemed safe, not being prepared to report, it was resolved, that Messrs. Hyer and Buck be added to that Committee, and that the portion of the former resolution, which reads in Pennsylvania State, or other stock which they in their judgment deem safe, be stricken out, and the words Pennsylvania State, Philadelphia City, New York State or New York City stock be substituted in place thereof, which motion was adopted.

The Committee do further recommend that the sum of \$26.17 be paid to Col. Jos. W. Scott to defray the expenses consequent upon attendance at the meeting of the General Society.

1858.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate of the Government of the United States for \$10,000, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer. They have also examined the Treasurer's account which they find to be correct; by which it appears that there is now in his hands \$48.30, making with interest on loan for the past year \$600; \$648.30 now in the hands of the Treasurer.

The disbursements for the past year were as follows:

Cash paid traveling expenses.....	\$85.00
“ “ dinner at Trenton	148.75
“ “ donations	320.00
“ “ Col. J. W. Scott for General Society..	26.17
“ “ Standard Bearer	11.40
“ “ crape and ribbon	1.87
Cash in hands of Treasurer	48.30
Total	<hr/> \$641.49

The Committee recommend that the sum of \$10 be appropriated for cleaning Church at Trenton, July 4, 1857, and at Princeton for the present year.

That \$5 be paid to J. W. S. Dey, also Anthony Dey for services rendered as standard bearers.

Also recommend the appropriation of \$5.19 for crape ribbon, etc.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the sale of the United States stock belonging to this Society, reported that in their judgment not deeming the sale of the same advisable or to the best interest of the Society they have not acted in the matter.

On motion of Gov. Pennington (a member of said Committee) it was resolved that the Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

1859.

The Standing Committee report, that they have examined the certificate for the loan of the United States for \$10,000 and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

They have also examined the Treasurer's account, which they find to be correct, by which it appears that there is now in his hands the sum of \$26.96, making together with interest on loan for the past year \$600, the sum of \$626.96 now in his hands.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year were as follows:

Cash paid traveling expenses.....	\$88.40
Seal press, etc.....	3.00
Dinner at Princeton	60.00
Donations	320.00
Trustees 1857 and 1858	10.00
Col. Jos. Warren Scott (postage).....	1.50
Standard Bearers	10.00
Crape and ribbon	3.19
Executive Committee	2.00
William V. Norcross (liquors).....	66.00
Geo. Thomson	37.25
Certificates Membership	20.00
In hands of Treasurer	26.96
Total	<hr/> \$648.30

1860.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate for the loan of the United States for \$10,000, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

They have also examined the Treasurer's accounts which they find to be correct and by which it appears that there is now in his hands \$7.51 to which add \$600 interest on loan for the past year will make the sum of \$607.51 now in his hands.

The disbursements made during the past year were as follows :

Cash paid traveling expenses	\$104.00
Dinner at Trenton	207.50
Donations	300.00
Crape75
Music at Freehold	6.00
Postage by the President.....	1.20
Total	<hr/> \$619.45

Resolved, That no member's mileage shall exceed ten dollars.

1861.

The Standing Committee report that they have inspected the certificate of the United States loan for \$10,000, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer. They have also examined the Treasurer's account which they find to be correct by which it appears that there is due the Treasurer, \$10.69 advanced by him which deducted from \$600, the interest on the loan for the past year, leaves the sum in his hands of \$589.31.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year were as follows :

Cash paid expenses of the General Society Meeting at Philadelphia	\$15.00
Traveling expenses of members	159.20
Dinner at Trenton	195.00
Donations	214.00
Col. J. W. Scott	25.00
Postage	3.80
Crape	2.20
Printing Odes	2.00
Services at Church	2.00
Total	<hr/> \$618.20

Resolved, That the rule heretofore established by which mileage was allowed be abolished and in lieu thereof, that all the attending regular members shall be entitled to receive ten dollars.

The Standard bearer shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$5 for his attendance and services. Recommendations were adopted.

1862.

The Standing Committee have examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct by which it appears that there is due to him \$7.44 for advances, which deducted from \$600, one year's interest on said loan leaves remaining the sum of \$592.56 in his hands. The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year were as follows :

July 4, 1860, by balance due Treasurer.....	\$10.69
July, 1861, by cash paid dinner at Trenton	228.13
Traveling expenses (16 members, \$10).....	160.00
Donations to 19 persons	190.00
Expenses at Church	11.00
Bill for crape	1.65
Standard Bearer	5.00
Postage97
Total	<hr/> \$607.44

The Committee report that the loan of the United in which funds of the Society are invested becomes due and payable in December next, and also that the Trustees in whose names the certificate of said loan belonging to the Society was made are all deceased, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following :

Whereas, The loan of the United States in which the funds of the Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey are invested becomes due and payable in December next and whereas the Trustees named in the certificate of said loan for \$10,000 held by the said Society are all deceased and whereas it may be to the best interests of said Society to transfer or sell the said loan and make

a reinvestment before the time of the payment of said loan as above stated therefore, be it resolved, that John McDowell, Jr., Treasurer of this Society is hereby appointed attorney for the same and as such authorized to transfer sell or receive the amount when due of the said certificate of loan of the United States for \$10,000 made in the names of Garret D. Wall, William Pennington and Robert D. Spencer, Trustees of said Society in the same manner as the Trustees themselves could do if living, and be it further resolved that Alexander C. Hyer, William B. Buck, Clifford Stanley Sims and the Treasurer be a Committee to superintend the reinvestment of said proceeds of the transfer sale or payment as above stated, and that they reinvest the same as they may think best for the interest of said Society in the names of Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, John McDowell, Jr., and Hon. E. B. D. Ogden as Trustees for the Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey.

On motion resolved, that so much of the recommendation of the Standing Committee, which empowers the Committee therein named to reinvest the proceeds of the transfer sale or payment of the loan of the United States in which the funds of the Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey are invested be stricken out and in lieu thereof that the same shall be reinvested in United States stock or New Jersey State bonds.

1863.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate for the six per cent. loan of the United States for \$13,500 and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

They have also examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct, by which it appears that there is due to him \$7.44 for advances made which deducted from \$600, one year's interest on loan leaves remaining the sum of \$592.56 in his hands.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year were as follows:

July 4, 1861, by balance due Treasurer.....	\$7.44
July 4, 1862, paid for dinners at Trenton.....	80.75
Traveling expenses of 16 members, \$10 each....	160.00
Donations	170.00
Francis Barber	10.00
C. Stanley Sims (expense).....	7.71
Col. J. W. Scott (postage).....	.66
Crape, ribbon and paper	2.44
Standard Bearer	5.00
In hands of Treasurer	156.00
Total	\$600.00

The Committee appointed to reinvest the funds belonging to the Society reported that they had collected the bond of the United States for \$10,000 in which the funds of the Society were invested, which became due in December, 1862, and which was payable in gold. That they disposed of the gold at

premium of 34 52-100 per cent., making together with the sum of \$48 in the Treasurers hands \$13,500 Which sum they reinvested in Government six per cent. securities commonly known as the 5-20's.

That the same was invested in the name of the Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, Hon. E. B. D. Ogden and John McDowell.

1864.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate for the six per cent. loan of the United States for \$13,500 and report the same in the hands of the Treasurer.

They have also examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct, by which it appears that there is in his hands the sum of \$156 and interest on the loan received \$634.58, making the amount in the hands of the Treasurer, \$790.58.

The disbursements made during the past year as follows :

May 14, 1863, assessment and expenses to General Society	\$50.00
One new cash book	1.75
July 4th, traveling expenses	130.00
Seventeen donations	340.00
John Williams (dinner at New Brunswick).....	70.15
W. C. Cochran (wine bill).....	78.75
J. W. S. Dey (Standard Bearer).....	5.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	114.93
Total	<u>\$790.58</u>

1865.

The Standing Committee report, that they have examined the certificate of loan of the United States for \$13,500 and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

They have also examined the Treasurer's account and find it correct by which it appears that there is in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of \$114.93, and interest on loan and premium on gold \$1,293.97, making total amount in Treasurer's hands, \$1,408.90.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year were as follows :

Cash paid traveling expenses of 19 members.....	\$190.00
Seventeen donations (\$25 each).....	425.00
F. Barber (for 1863).....	1.00
J. W. Scott (postage).....	1.21
Peter Katzenbach bill (for 37 dinners).....	245.85
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	545.84
Total	<u>\$1,408.90</u>

1866.

The Standing Committee report that they have carefully examined the Treasurer's account which they find correct, showing a balance in his hands of \$545.84, together with interest on loan \$1,478.25, gives the sum of \$2,024.09.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year were as follows:

Cash paid traveling expenses for 15 members, \$10 each	\$150.00
Fifteen donations of \$25 each.....	375.00
Paid A. C. Heyer (as a donation on account of his mother's death)	50.00
Paid J. W. S. Dey (Standard Bearer).....	5.00
For crape and sundries	2.11
Wandell & Cochran (liquor bill).....	135.50
John Williams (for dinner 35).....	156.80
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1,149.68
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Total	\$2,024.09

The Standing Committee recommend that whenever the Treasurer can add to the capital by appropriating any surplus funds that may be in his hands he be authorized to make such disposition of said surplus in the name of the Trustees appointed by the Society.

They would also recommend that an appropriation of \$50 be made to C. Stanley Sims for expenses incurred in preparing the new book for publication.

1867.

The Standing Committees report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer John McDowell, Jr., Esq., and also the certificate of loan of the United States for \$13,500 and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer. The amount in the hands of the Treasurer is \$2,247.23.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year :

To cash paid expenses of General Society.....	\$320.02
Attendance fees (19 members)	190.00
Donations	350.00
Standard Bearer	5.00
C. Stanley Sims (expenses).....	50.00
Peter Katzbenbach (dinners)	276.25
William Quinn (printing rules).....	10.00
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Total	\$1,201.27
Leaving a balance in hands of the Treasurer.....	1,045.96
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Total	\$2,247.23

1868.

The Standing Committee report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer John McDowell, Jr., Esq., and also the certificate of loan of the United States for \$13,500, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer and the amount in the hands of the Treasurer is \$2,180.97.

The disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year :

Cash paid Joel Munsell for printing 100 copies Society's book	\$150.00
Cash paid John E. Potter for binding and lettering 50 copies of the same.....	30.15
Cash paid attendance fees	190.00
Fifteen donations	375.00
Standard Bearer	5.00
Peter Katzenbach (for dinners at Trenton).....	183.75
W. G. Cochrane (bill for liquors and cigars).....	127.25
William B. Dayton (for printing of rules. etc.)..	11.00
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Total	\$1,072.15
Leaving in hands of the Treasurer.....	1,108.82
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Total	\$2,180.97

1869.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the late Treasurer John McDowell, Jr., Esq., and also the certificates of loan of the United States for \$13,500, and find the same safe in the hands of Francis B. McDowell, M.D., Executor of the late Treasurer, and the amount in the hands of the Treasurer, \$2,394.47.

That the disbursements made by the Treasurer during the past year were as follows:

Cash paid attendance fees (16 members)	\$160.00
Donations	400.00
Joseph Bodine (dinners)	184.70
William G. Cochrane & Co. (wines)	63.75
Cigars for dinner	32.00
Secretary and Treasurer (postage and expenses) ..	10.45
Total	<u>\$850.90</u>

Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$1,395.97, which with the amounts received since the last meeting \$1,093.50, makes the balance as above now in the hands of the Treasurer of \$2,394.47.

On motion of Col. A. M. Cumming it was resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to register the present permanent fund of the Society, viz.: \$13,500 of United States, 5-20's. Bonds in the names of L. Q. C. Elmer, William B. Buck and William B. Dayton as Trustees for the Cincinnati Society of the State of New Jersey, and further,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to add to the present fund by investment in the same denomination of Government Bonds, of so much of the present surplus funds in his hands as may be advised and approved by said Trustees.

1870.

The Standing Committee find safe in the hands of the Treasurer the certificates of loan of the United States for \$13,500.

That they have examined the accounts of Francis B. McDowell, Executor of the late Treasurer John McDowell, Jr., Esq., and find a balance due and unpaid to the Society of \$1,475.91, after allowing the several disbursements made during the year as follows:

Cash paid for safe for Society	\$95.00
Attendance fees (18 members)	180.00
Attendance fees (3 members as delegates to Baltimore)	35.00
Seventeen donations	425.00
Joseph Bodine (for dinners)	202.90
For liquors and cigars	73.00
For crape	2.66
Total	<u>\$1,013.56</u>

The Secretary called the attention of the Society to the insufficiency of the resolutions passed at the last annual meeting for the re-registration of the Society's United States Bonds and presented the following in lieu thereof.

Resolved, that L. Q. C. Elmer, surviving Trustee be and he is hereby

authorized to assign and transfer the \$13,500 registered stock of the United States, standing at present in the name of E. B. D. Ogden, L. Q. C. Elmer and John McDowell, Jr., Trustees to L. Q. C. Elmer, William B. Buck and William B. Dayton, the said William B. Buck and William B. Dayton having been duly elected Trustees to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Messrs. Ogden and McDowell.

Resolved, That the said L. Q. C. Elmer, William B. Buck and William B. Dayton or either of them, should any fail to attend, or the survivors or survivor of them, be and they are hereby authorized to receipt for the interest upon the said stock as it from time to time matures.

So much thereof as relates to the Treasurer's accounts was approved after a statement made by the Treasurer as to his understanding of the financial condition of the Estate of the late John McDowell, Jr.

1871.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate for the six per cent. loan of the United States for \$13,500 and find the same in the hands of the Treasurer.

That they have also examined the Treasurer's account and find the same correct, by which it appears that there is in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of \$1,924 and 14-100 after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year as follows:

Cash paid Safe Deposit Co.....	\$6.75
Power of Attorney Stamp.....	.25
Attendance Fees	240.00
Donations, 18.....	337.50
Dinner at New Brunswick.....	305.25
Horse and Buggy to Col. Scotts.....	2.00
Segars for dinner.....	29.10
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	\$920.85

The Treasurer then made an explanation to the Society of the present condition of so much of its funds as were held by the late Treasurer, John McDowell, Jr., at the time of his death. Stating that he had received from the executors of Mr. McDowell on the previous day the sum of \$1,000 on account and the promise of early payment of the balance.

On motion of Col. Alex. M. Cumming it was Resolved that the Trustees of the Society Fund be and they are hereby instructed to invest the surplus funds received from time to time from the Executors of the late Treasurer, in such a manner as is provided in the 14th Section of the By-Laws of this State Society.

1872.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate for the six per cent. loan of the United States for \$14,000, the present fund of this Society and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

That they have also examined the Treasurer's annual account as rendered and find the same correct.

By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$1,719.92 after allowing the following disbursements made during the year, including investment, viz.:

Cash paid Secy., Telegrams, Postage, Etc.....	\$7.00
Safety Deposit Co.....	9.50
R. M. Boggs Esq.....	2.00
Crape, Postage, etc.....	11.50
Assessment Genl. Society.....	60.00
Wm. B. Dayton, Expenses as Delegate to Boston	31.00
Repairing Banner.....	1.50
Attendance Fees.....	270.00
Donations.....	325.00
Dinner at Trenton	352.05
1 U. S. \$500 Bond.....	573.75

\$1,643.30

The Treasurer of the Society announced that the Executors of the Estate of John McDowell, deceased, his predecessor in office, had paid into his hands the entire principal due by said Ex-Treasurer to the Society at the time of his death.

Whereupon it was on motion of Mr. Francis Barber, Resolved that the interest which has accrued during the period intervening since the death of Mr. McDowell, \$231.30, be remitted, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to receipt to the said Executors in full for all demands.

1873.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate for the six per cent. loan of the United States for \$14,000, the present fund of this Society, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

That they have also examined the Treasurer's annual account as rendered and find the same correct.

By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$1,656.64 after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year, including investment, viz:

Cash paid cigars and crape.....	\$17.00
Cash paid C. S. Sims, Expenses Del. Gen'l. Society	19.25
Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer.....	25.00
Hon. J. T. Nixon.....	25.00
Attendance fee 22 members.....	220.00
Donations.....	385.00
Dinner at Trenton, July 4, 1872.....	291.00
Printing Rules, etc.....	10.00

\$992.25

Which report was approved.

The Treasurer announced the sum of \$500. as remaining in his hands over and above the current expenditures, which was on motion ordered to be invested according to the rule.

1874.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the certificate for the 6 per cent. loan of the United States for \$14,000, the present fund of this society, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

That they have also examined the Treasurer's annual account as rendered and find the same correct.

By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$1,762.75 after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year, viz:

Cash paid for crape.....	\$5.20
Cash paid for Journal.....	10.75
Dinner and Expenses at Trenton.....	299.25
Donations.....	350.00
Attendance Fees.....	190.00
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	\$855.20

It was Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to invest without further delay \$500.00 of the funds remaining in his hands in United States Securities or in Securities of the State of New Jersey and the Secretary instructed to so notify the Treasurer.

1875.

The Standing Committee report, that they have examined the Securities amounting to \$14,000, the present fund of the Society, and find the same safe in the hands of the Treasurer.

They have also examined the Treasurer's annual account as rendered and find the same correct. By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$1,513.02 after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year, viz:

Crape and ribbon.....	\$3.00
Donations.....	300.00
Dinner.....	343.50
Attendance Fees.....	210.00
Printing	14.34
Assessment to General Society.....	20.00
Safe Deposit Company.....	10.00
N. J. State Bond Invested by order of the Society	525.00
United States Bonds.....	15.892.50
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	\$17,317.34

It was ordered that the Treasurer deposit all monies of the Society not invested in Bonds or other securities in some bank to be approved by the President to the credit of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of New Jersey subject to the draft of the Treasurer for the time being or, in case of his death or absence of the Assistant Treasurer.

1876.

The Standing Committee report, that the present permanent fund of the Society is composed of \$14,000 U. S. Bonds.

That they have examined the accounts for the past year, as rendered by Messrs. Wm. B. Buck and Wm. B. Dayton, late and present Treasurers and find the same correct.

By this there is shown to be in the hands of the present Treasurer, the sum of \$1,085.39 after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year, viz:

Paid by Secretary for Stationery, etc.....	\$10.50
Attendance fees 23 members.....	230.00
Donations.....	325.00
Expenses for Delegates to General Society.....	89.00
Dinner Bill for 1875.....	328.00
Philadelphia Safe Deposit Co. 72, 73 and 75....	28.50
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	\$1,011.02

It being proposed that investments under the rule be left to the Treasurer, it was on motion Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to invest the cash funds of the Society whenever he has a surplus leaving a reasonable margin in the Treasury.

1877.

The Standing Committee report that the present permanent fund of the Society is composed of \$14,500. That they have examined the accounts for the past year as rendered by Wm. B. Dayton, Treasurer and find the same correct. By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$1,152.45 after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year, viz:

By Bill W. B. D. Secy, Expressage and P. O. S.	\$3.50
1 Copper Counter plate.....	1.00
Printing Rules and Certificates.....	8.25
Printing and Binding 100 Copies Red Book	135.00
Stationery and Postage Secy. Bill.....	4.00
Attendance fees 25 members.....	250.00
14 Donations at \$25.....	350.00
Secretary's Bill.....	11.78
Dinners 35.....	365.10
Fees to Waiters.....	7.00

Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed in the future to pay mileage only to such members as shall answer to their names at Roll Call.

An allowance of \$10 was then appropriated to John Clarke Sims, Jr., in payment of his mileage for the year 1876.

1878.

The Standing Committee report, that the present permanent fund of the Society is \$15,000. That they have examined the accounts for the past year as rendered by Wm. B. Dayton, Treasurer and find the same correct.

By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$886.13 after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year, viz:

Attendance Fees.....	\$270.00
14 Donations at \$25.....	350.00
Secretary's Bill printing, postage.....	10.00
Dinner Bill.....	412.60
Safe Deposit Co.....	7.50
Assessment of General Society.....	20.00
F. B. Ogden expenses as Delegate.....	16.00

\$1,086.10

together with investments added to permanent fund.

Resolved, that after the Treasurer has paid the expenses of this meeting he shall retain the sum of \$25 for emergencies and that he distribute the balance of the income for the current year pro-rata to the persons heretofore named in this report, the amount to each, however, not to exceed the sum of \$25.

1879.

The Standing Committee report that the present permanent fund of the Society is composed of \$15,000.

That they have examined the accounts for the past year as rendered by Wm. B. Dayton, Treasurer, and find the same correct. By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$956.31, after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year, viz:

Attendance Fees.....	\$260.00
Donations.....	325.00
Secretary's Bill.....	16.92
Expenses of Delegates to General Society.....	41.00
Dinner Bill.....	206.00
Safe Deposit Co.....	7.50
Sundries	3.40

\$859.82

An appropriation was ordered of not to exceed \$25. for the purchase of ten yards of deep blue watered ribbon edged with white for the use of the members of the Society.

It being brought to the attention of the Society that, owing to the calling in of certain of the securities now held by the Society, that reinvestment of the funds becomes necessary. It was resolved by a unanimous vote, that By-Law No. 12 be suspended so that the Trustees and Standing Committee can make any investment of the permanent fund to the best of their ability.

1880.

The Standing Committee report that the present permanent fund of the Society is \$15,000.

That they have examined the accounts for the past year as rendered by Wm. B. Dayton, Treasurer, and find the same correct. By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of \$1,008.05, after allowing the following several disbursements made during the year.

Attendance Fees.....	\$270.00
Donations.....	325.00
Dinner	225.00
Expressage.....	.90
Safe Deposit Co.....	7.50
Treasurer's Expenses	16.00
Fidelity Trust Co.....	3.86
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	\$848.26

On motion it was resolved that the payments made for mileage be abolished after the present meeting.

On motion Resolved, that in view of the diminished income of the Society, members other than the President, who invite guests, shall notify the President and the Secretary and shall pay the expenses of their guests' dinners, and that this resolution take effect after today.

Resolved, that the Treasurer inform the Committee appointed to take charge of the dinner of July 4, 1881, what amount of money can be set apart for that purpose without trenching upon the capital or diminishing the gratuities of the Society.

Resolved, that the Trustees be instructed to sell and dispose of the present securities held by them, if in their judgment advisable to do so, and to invest the proceeds thereof or the principal money thereof when the said securities shall be paid off, in their names as Trustees, in securities of the State of New Jersey, or in securities of some county, city, municipality or corporation, or in bonds and mortgages in the said state.

1881.

The Standing Committee report that the present permanent fund of the Society is \$12,000, being par value of investments.

That they have examined the accounts for the past year as rendered by Herman Burgin, the acting Treasurer, and find the same correct. By this

there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$703.70, after allowing the following disbursements made during the year, viz.:

Attendance Fees.....	\$270.00
Dinner Bill, etc.....	195.50
Donations.....	225.00
Secy. Bill and Printing.....	40.00
Fidelity Trust Co.....	3.85
Genl. Soc. Assessment.....	20.00
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	\$754.35

Your Committee submit the following report of the Trustees.

That they have sold \$14,000 of securities for \$14,216.25 and have purchased \$11,000 of securities for \$13,742.50, the balance remaining in their hands without interest is \$473.75.

The present assets of the Society are:

\$3,000 N. J. 6 per cent. Coupon Bonds No. 247, 248, 249, due 1899, Market Value.....	\$3,915.00
\$3,000 West Jersey R. R. Co. Coupon Bonds No. 817, 818, 819, due 1896, M. V.....	3,607.50
\$3,000 N. J. 6 per cent. Registered Bonds Nos. 828, 829, 830, due 1895, M. V.....	3,810.00
\$500 N. J. 6 per cent. Coupon Bond No. 17, due 1893, Market Value.....	625.00
\$2,000 N. J. 6 per cent. Registered Bonds Nos. 1,076, 1,077, due 1890, Market Value.....	2,410.00
\$500 U. S. 6 per cent. Coupon Bond No. 45,475, due 1881, Market Value.....	500.00
Cash on deposit with accrued interest to July 1, 1881	537.39
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Total	\$15,404.89

The West Jersey R. R. Co. Bonds are those issued under a mortgage dated January 1, 1866 to Abraham Browning, John T. Nixon and William H. Gatzmer, Trustees, for \$1,000,000.

1882.

The Standing Committee report that the present permanent fund of the Society consists of \$3,500 New Jersey State Bonds, \$3,000 West Jersey 6 per cent. Bonds, \$5,000 New Jersey State Bonds Registered, \$1,000 Pemberton & Hightstown R. R. 7 per cent. Bond. Cash on deposit \$137.32, the whole representing a market value of \$15,662.32. That they have examined the accounts of the past year, as rendered by Herman Burgin, the Treasurer, and find the same correct. By this there is shown to be in the hands of the

Treasurer the sum of \$759.71, after allowing the following disbursements made during the year :

Donations.....	200.00
Dinner.....	225.75
Secretary's Expenses.....	11.50
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	\$437.25

The Trustees presented the following report.

That on July 5, 1881 they sold the \$500 U. S. 6 per cent. Bond belonging to the Society for par, and that on April 11, 1882, they purchased \$1,000 Pemberton & Hightstown R. R. Co. 7 per cent. Bond 1889, at 116. This Bond is one of those issued under a mortgage dated July 1, 1867.

All of the bonds are registered in the names of William B. Buck, Clifford Stanley Sims and Herman Burgin, Trustees of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of New Jersey.

The cash surplus is deposited in the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co. of Philadelphia to the credit of the Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey, the account to receive 2 per cent. on the daily balances.

The Trustees would request the adoption of the following resolution. Resolved, that the Report of the Trustees be accepted and approved. It was accepted and approved.

It was Resolved, that the Trustees be authorized to dispose of the bonds, the property of the Society in their hands and invest and reinvest the same according to their best discretion.

1883.

The Trustees beg leave to report that the present assets of the Society amount to \$15,687.76.

The cash surplus is deposited in the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. of Philadelphia to the credit of the Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey. the account to receive 2 per cent. on the daily balances.

The Standing Committee, respectfully report that the present permanent fund of the Society consists of \$3,000 W. Jersey R. R. Co.'s 6 per cent. Bonds, \$1,000 Pemberton and Hightstown R. R. Co.'s 7 per cent. Bond, \$10,000 Penn. Car Trust 5 per cent. Certificates, \$1,077.76 temporarily invested at 2 per cent. The whole representing a market value of \$15,687.76. That they have examined the accounts of the past year as rendered by the Treasurer and find the same correct. By this there is shown to be in his hands the sum of \$701.09, after allowing the following disbursements made during the year.

Donations.....	\$225.00
Dinner.....	209.40
Sundry Expenses.....	30.25
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	\$464.65

1884.

The President informed the Society that he had received \$455 in subscriptions from the members towards defraying the expenses of entertaining the General Society at their recent session in Princeton.

The Treasurer presented the following report from the Trustees of the Society.

The Trustees beg leave to report that the present assets of the Society are :

\$3,000 W. Jersey R. R. Co. 6 per cent. Coupon Bonds Nos. 817, 818, 819, due 1896, M. V...	\$3,420.00
\$1,000 Pemberton & Highstown R. R. Co. 7 per cent. Bonds No. 27, due 1889, M. V.....	1,110.00
\$10,000 Penn. Car Trust 5 per cent. Certf. Series E., No. 4450 and No. 4464 to 72, due May 1, 1889, M. V.....	10,000.00
Cash on deposit belonging to Capital account....	\$804.45
" " " " " Sinking Fund	195.10
" " " " " Income	260.25
Total Cash with accrued interest to July 1, 1884. . . .	1,259.80
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	\$15,789.80

All of the above securities are registered in the names of William B. Buck, Clifford Stanley Sims and Herman Burgin, Trustees of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of New Jersey. The cash surplus is deposited in the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Co. of Philadelphia, to the credit of the Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey. The account to receive 2 per cent. on the daily balances. The Trustees would request the adoption of the following resolution: Resolved, that the report of the Trustees be accepted and approved.

The Standing Committee report that the present permanent fund of the Society consists of \$15,529.55 also \$260.25, belonging to income account. They have examined the accounts of the past year as rendered by the Treasurer and find the same correct. By this there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$656.36, after allowing the following disbursements made during the year.

Donations	\$180.00
Dinner (1883) and Sundry Expenses.....	320.24
Expenses of Triennial Meeting (entertaining General Society).....	815.15
General Society Assessment.....	20.00
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	\$1,335.39

1885.

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that the present market value of the permanent fund of the Society consists of \$16,821.49 also \$72.50, belonging to the income account. They have examined the accounts of the past year as rendered by the Treasurer and find the same correct, by this there is shown to be in his hands the sum of \$797.72, after allowing the following disbursements made during the year.

Donations.....	\$120.00
Mileage.....	45.00
Annual Meeting.....	322.47
Secretary's Expenses (postage, stationery, etc.)...	48.50
President's Expenses (postage, stationery and ribbon purchased for the Society).....	59.83
Committee expenses.....	6.00

\$601.70

1886.

The Standing Committee report that the present market value of the assets of the Society is \$17,983.50, as shown by the annual report of the Trustees. They have examined the accounts of the past year as rendered by the Treasurer and find the same correct, by this there is shown to be in his hands the sum of \$754.82, after allowing during the year \$663.15 for sundry expenses as per accounts audited.

1887.

The Standing Committee report that the present market value of the assets of the Society is \$18,537.73, par value \$17,000, as shown by the annual report of the Trustees. That they have examined the accounts of the past year as rendered by the Treasurer and find the same correct; there is shown to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$703.82, after allowing \$634.53 for sundry expenses during the past year as per accounts audited.

1888.

The Standing Committee report that the present par value of the assets of the Society is \$17,364.45, making at market value the sum of \$18,134.45, as shown by the annual report of the Trustees. That they have examined the accounts for the past year as rendered by the Treasurer and find the same correct; there is shown thereby to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$833.99, after allowing \$799.63 for sundry expenses during the past year as per accounts audited.

1889.

The Standing Committee report that the present par value of the assets of the society is \$19,622.30, making at market value the sum of \$19,732.30, as shown by the annual report of the Trustees.

That they have examined the accounts for the past year as rendered by the Treasurer and find the same correct; there is shown thereby to be in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$853.83, after allowing \$816.00 for sundry expenses during the past year as per accounts audited.

1890.

The Standing Committee report that it appears by the annual report of the Trustees herewith submitted that the present market value of the securities constituting the assets of the society amounts to the total sum of \$21,631.42.

That they have audited and examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct. It appears thereby that he has expended for sundry expenses during the past year, the sum of \$885.09 and that there is now in his hands the sum of \$659.59.

1891.

The President made a verbal report that the funds and securities in the hands of the Trustees amounted to upwards of \$21,000.

The Committee appointed to examine the assets belonging to the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey and to examine the accounts of the Trustees of the said Society report that the assets aforesaid are as follows:

\$4,000 six per cent. bonds of the West Jersey Railroad Co.
\$1,000 six per cent. bond of the Susquehanna Coal Co.
\$3,000 five per cent bonds of the Elmira & Williamsport R. R. Co.
\$5,000 seven per cent. bonds of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway Co.
\$2,000 four per cent. Pennsylvania Equipment Trust Certificates.
\$1,000 ten per cent. guaranteed stock of the United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Co.
\$2,000 stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

The Committee appointed to examine the assets belonging to the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey and to examine the accounts of the Trustees of the said Society, report that the said accounts are correct and show the following balances in the hands of the said Trustees:

Capital Account.....	\$
Sinking Fund Account.....	51.94
Income Account.....	571.62
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	\$623.56

1891.

The Treasurer made no report.

The Standing Committee report that it appears by the report of the auditing Committee appointed for that purpose that they have examined the accounts of the Trustees of this Society and report that the assets in their hands amount to the principal sum of \$18,000, in addition to cash to the amount of \$623.56.

That it appears by the annual report of the Trustees herewith submitted that the present market value of the securities constituting the assets of the Society amounts with cash on hand, to the sum of \$21,743.95.

1892.

The Treasurer reported that his total receipts had amounted to the sum of \$1,773.08 and his disbursements to the sum of \$746.33, and that there was in his hands the sum of \$1,026.75.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Trustees and find the same correct. That it appears from said report that the present market value of the securities and stock of the Society amount to the aggregate sum of \$22,300. That the amount of cash in their hands is \$346.82, together amounting to the total sum of \$22,646.82.

That they have examined and audited the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct. That it appears thereby that his total receipts amount to the sum of \$1,773.08; his disbursements \$746.33.

1893.

The Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Trustees and find the same correct. The present market value of the securities and stock held by the Society amounts in the aggregate to the sum of \$21,966.75 and the amount of cash in their hands is \$1,237.27, together amounting to the total sum of \$23,204.02.

That they have appointed a committee of two (Messrs. W. C. Spencer and W. P. Barber) to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, Mr. David P. Thomas.

The Committee recommend that the action of the Trustees in loaning Mr. John H. Piatt \$25, be ratified and approved.

1894.

The Standing Committee report that the deed of the property on which the Pulaski monument was placed was presented by the President and the bills of the monument Committee, \$234.12, are recommended to the Society for payment. Recommendations adopted.

The Trustees made the following report of the present assets of the Society:

\$4,000 West Jersey Railroad Company 6 per cent. Coupon Bonds, Market Value.....	\$4,120.00
\$1,000 Susquehanna Coal Company 6 per cent. Coupon Bonds, Market Value.....	1,180.00
\$2,000 Pennsylvania Equipment Trust 4 per cent. Certificate, Series A. and G., Market Value..	2,000.00
\$3,000 Elmira & Williamsport Railroad Company 5 per cent. Income Bond, Market Value.....	3,180.00
\$5,000 Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis Ry. Co., 7 per cent. Registered Bonds, Market Value..	5,800.00
\$1,000 Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, Mar- ket Value	1,258.00
\$1,000 United New Jersey Railroad and Canal Company Capital stock Certificate for ten shares, M. V.	2,315.00
\$3,500 Pennsylvania Railroad Company Capital stock Certificates for 70 shares, Market Value	3,500.00
Cash on deposit belonging to Capital account... \$	7.50
" " " " " Sinking Fund....	309.41
" " " " " Income Account..	371.05
Total Cash with accrued interest to July 1, 1894	687.96

The Treasurer presented his report, showing a balance in his hands of \$235.44. His report was accepted.

1895.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Trustees and find that the amount of the assets of the Society July 1, 1895, is \$24,392.84
of which there belongs to the income account..... 425.93

Leaving a balance to capital account of..... \$23,966.91

The Treasurer's account has been audited and found correct. His receipts from all sources for the year have been..... \$1,448.19
Disbursements..... 1,171.69

Leaving a balance of..... \$276.50
which with the amount in the Trustees' hands, belonging
to the income account..... 425.93

makes an available income July 4, 1895, of..... \$702.43

1896.

The Standing Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the Trustees' accounts and find the assets of the Society July 1, 1896, to be..... \$24,295.20
of which there belongs to income account..... 680.95

\$23,614.25

Leaving to the capital account \$23,614.25.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited and found correct.
The Treasurer's receipts from all sources have been..... \$1,406.25
Disbursements..... 1,086.63

Leaving a balance of..... \$319.62
which with the amount in the Trustees' hands belonging to
the income account..... 680.95

Makes an available income \$1,000.57

Resolved, that at each annual meeting of the Society a Trust Company shall be selected as the custodian for its securities, to collect interest and dividends and to deposit the same to the credit of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey in a depository to be designated by the Society, the funds thus deposited to be drawn upon by the Treasurer.

Resolved, that the office of Trustee is hereby abolished.

Resolved, that the Gerard Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pa., be selected as the custodian of the Society's securities.

Resolved, that the First National Bank of Freehold is appointed as the depository of the income of the Society.

Referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

1897.

The Standing Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Trustee and find the assets of the Society July 1, 1897, to be..... \$24,284.25
of which there belongs to income..... 365.00

Leaving the capital account..... \$23,919.25

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited and it is found that he has received from all sources..... \$2,047.32
His disbursements have been..... 1068.50

Balance \$978.82

Income account in Trustees' hands..... 365.00

Available income July 5, 1897..... \$1,343.82

1898.

The Standing Committee would respectfully report that they have caused the Trustees' report to be examined and audited, and find that the amount of all monies to the credit of the capital account is..... \$24,387.50
There have been no expenditures, therefore the amount on

hand is 24,387.50

The amount on hand to the credit of income account is.. 402.90

The Treasurer's report was referred to the Auditing Committee and found correct. It shows

The total receipts from all sources to have been.... \$2,343.19

Total expenditures..... 1,319.14

Leaving a balance on hand of..... \$1,024.05

1899.

The Standing Committee report that the Treasurer's accounts have been audited and found correct.

They show that the total receipts for the year have been

\$2,719.72

The expenditures..... 1,849.30

Leaving a balance of..... \$870.42

1900.

The Standing Committee recommended that William S. Stryker, President, be and is hereby authorized to sell, and transfer, with the seal of the Society part of \$5,000 Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company

7 per cent. registered bonds, due August 1, 1900, for \$1,000 each, interest February and August, and to appoint one or more attorneys for that purpose.

That William S. Stryker, President, be and he is hereby authorized to withdraw \$5,000 Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company's Bonds, deposited with the Camden Safe Deposit Trust Company, Camden, New Jersey, described as follows: Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company 7 per cent. registered bonds, due August 1, 1900, for \$1,000 each, interest payable February and August.

That William S. Stryker, President, be and is hereby authorized to assign with the seal of the Society affixed, unto the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in exchange for a certificate of the capital stock, of said Company for sixteen shares, the said railroad company's receipts for the payment for sixteen (16) shares of the capital stock of said railroad company, subscribed for under the resolution of its Board of Directors, of Dec. 13, 1899, described as follows, namely: Receipts No. 57 for fourteen (14) shares, No. 3737 for one (1) share, No. F21 for 4-10 of a share, No. F 866 for 6-10 of a share, now standing in the name of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey.

That the President and Vice-President, or either of them, be authorized and empowered at any time to make and execute all necessary acts of assignment and transfer with the seal of the Society affixed attested by the Secretary, of any of the securities now standing or may hereafter stand in the name of the Society, and to appoint one or more attorneys for the purpose with like full power. The recommendations were adopted.

The Standing Committee would respectfully report that they have had the accounts of the Treasurer audited and they have been found correct. They show:

Balance on hand July 4, 1899.....	\$870.42
Total amount of receipts.....	1,603.84
Total	<u>\$2,474.26</u>
Amount added to investments.....	\$823.25
Other expenses.....	<u>1,532.52</u>
Total amount expended	<u>2,355.77</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$118.49

1901.

The Standing Committee would respectfully report that they have examined and audited accounts and find that the value of securities is as follows:

Par Value.....	\$21,940.19
Market Value	29,855.19
The income last year was.....	1,186.49
Disbursements.....	<u>1,339.20</u>
Deficit.....	<u>\$152.71</u>

1902.

The Standing Committee have examined and audited the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

Par Value of Securities.....	\$23,150.00
Market Value.....	30,405.00
Income.....	\$1,284
Receipts from all sources.....	1,158.40
Expenditures.....	1,119.61
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Balance	\$38.79

Resolved, that the committee provided for in Section X of By-Laws be and is hereby authorized and empowered to withdraw any of the securities from the selected depository, upon their joint order in writing and to designate in such order any one or more of its members to receipt therefor, and that said committee be and is hereby further authorized and empowered to make such changes in the securities belonging to the Society as in their judgment shall be for the interest of the Society, to invest and reinvest the monies of the Society in reputable securities, reporting their action for approval and confirmation, at each annual meeting of the Society, and also present at such meeting a report of the income from the securities of the Society.

Resolved, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the designated depository provided for in Section XX, of the By-Laws, by the Secretary of this Society.

1903.

The Standing Committee report that the Treasurer's accounts have been audited and found correct and they were approved.

Total amount received was.....	\$9,862.59
Total amount expended was.....	9,352.44
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Balance, July 4, 1903.....	\$510.15

1904.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

Total amount received was.....	\$1,840.20
Total amount expended was.....	913.36
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Leaving a balance of.....	\$926.84

1905.

The Standing Committee report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find a balance of..... \$14,474.66

1906.

The Auditing Committee report that they have audited the accounts of the Treasurer and found them correct, his balance in bank being \$484.10.

DONATIONS.

1793.

Resolved, unanimously, that in consideration of the distressed situation of the wife of Capt. Pike, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay from time to time, fifty dollars from the funds of the Society to Mr. John Heard in trust for the use of the wife of the said Capt. Pike, to be given at the discretion of Mr. Heard.

1794.

Resolved, that fifty dollars be advanced for the use of the widow and the children of the late Capt. Wm. Piatt and that the Treasurer pay the same to Mr. William Shute, who is desired to take receipts from the said Widow Piatt as the same shall be advanced to her.

1795.

Whereupon Resolved, that as soon as the funds shall admit, without sale of the stock, the sum of fifty dollars be paid to Mr. William Shute as a Trustee for the benefit of the widow and orphan children of Capt. William Piatt, and that the Trustee pay particular attention to the education of the eldest son of the said Captain Piatt, and first to apply such part of the monies in his hands to his use as his circumstances may require.

1798.

A letter from Lieut. Abraham Stout, dated Mason County, State of Kentucky, May 10, 1798, addressed to Captain Jonathan Phillips, being laid before the Society, stated that the said Lieut. Stout is in very indigent circumstances, and will not afford a sufficient education for his children; whereupon Resolved, that the Treasurer transmit forty dollars to the said Lieut. Abraham Stout to be applied to the education of his children.

Application having been made to the Standing Committee in behalf of the widow of the late Major Hollinshead, the committee recommend that the sum of thirty dollars be paid forward to General Bloomfield for the purpose of paying the funeral charges of the said deceased; and if there should be any residue that it be applied to the schooling of his children.

A letter from John Stotesbury, late a Captain in the Pennsylvania line, stating his total disability to procure a subsistence for himself and family by means of his wounds having afflicted him unusually for some time past, and that he is therefore obliged to throw himself upon the funds of the benevolent institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, was read. But it not being attended with any documents to show that he is entitled to the benefit of its fund by being a member;

Resolved, that Captain Stotesbury's application be postponed till the next anniversary meeting, and that he be informed that it will be necessary for him to show that he is entitled to claim the benefits of the funds of the Society by being a member in full standing.

1800.

Resolved, that the Treasurer transmit to Major William Shute the sum of twenty dollars, to assist the widow of Captain William Piatt in the education of her children.

1801.

Jonathan Rhea reports that he has received of the Treasurer the sum of twenty dollars, ordered to be applied towards the education of the children of Lieut. Abraham Stout, and that he had forwarded the said sum of twenty dollars together with an extract from the minutes, unto Mr. John Hunt of Kentucky.

Major Shute reported that he received twenty dollars from Major Cox, Treasurer, for the purpose of applying the same for the education of the children of the late Captain W. Piatt. He, upon inquiry, finds that the male children of the late Captain Piatt are not within his reach to afford the relief contemplated by the resolution of this Society; that there is one male child now living with his mother who is fully able to afford him the necessary aid.

Ordered that Major Shute pay back the money into the Treasury.

1802.

The Standing Committee reported that the circumstances of John Fleming, late a soldier in the second New Jersey regiment, as certified by Doctor Ebenezer Elmer and Joseph Clum do not properly come within the attention of the Society. The Committee further reported that the widow of Capt. Lieut. Parker cannot with propriety make any claim whatsoever upon the Society of this State, her late husband having contributed to the funds in the State of Massachusetts and having never become a member of this State Society.

The Committee beg leave to mention that the application in behalf of Lieut. Stout's two daughters is inadmissible as the application does not come from Lieut. Stout nor any person within the knowledge of your Committee.

1804.

A representation having been made to the Standing Committee that Mrs. Howell, the widow of the late Governor Richard Howell, has been left in unpleasant circumstances as to the means of supporting and educating her family which from their number and times of life, are becoming more and more expensive. It was Resolved, that the sum of one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the Rev. Andrew Hunter and Col. Jonathan Rhea by the Treasurer of this Society for the purpose of being paid forward to the use of the said Mrs. Howell as in their discretion shall seem to require.

1806.

The Standing Committee further reported that a representation had been made to them that Mrs. Elmer, the widow of Captain Eli Elmer and that Mrs. Howell, the widow of the late Governor Richard Howell, have been left in

unpleasant circumstances as to the means of supporting and educating their children which from their number and time of life are becoming more and more expensive.

It was Resolved, that the sum of one hundred dollars be paid into the hands of General James Giles by the Treasurer of this Society for the use of the said Mrs. Elmer and her children, and that one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the Reverend Andrew Hunter for the use of the said Mrs. Howell and her children, to be applied at their discretion and under their responsibility.

1807.

The Standing Committee reported that a representation had been made to them that Mrs. Howell, the widow of the late Governor Howell, Mrs. Elmer, the widow of the late Capt. Eli Elmer, and the wife and children of Ensign Almarin Brooks, are in unpleasant circumstances as to the means of supporting and educating their children which, from their number and time of life, are more and more expensive.

It was Resolved, that the sum of one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the Reverend Andrew Hunter for the use of the said Mrs. Howell and her children, and that one hundred dollars be placed in the hands of General James Giles for Mrs. Elmer and her children, and that fifty dollars be placed in the hands of Dr. Ebenezer Elmer for the use of Mrs. Brooks and her children, and that the sums above mentioned be paid by the Treasurer to the said Andrew Hunter, James Giles and Ebenezer Elmer, and that they be responsible respectively for the proper appropriation of the same.

1808.

The Standing Committee reported the following resolutions which were agreed to.

Resolved, that sixty-eight dollars be placed in the hands of Col. Rhea for the use of Mrs. Howell and her children and sixty-eight dollars be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles for Mrs. Elmer and her children and that fifty dollars be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer for the use of Mrs. Brooks and her children, and the committee further reported upon the representation of the distressed state of Lieut. Eden Burrowes that the sum of forty dollars be paid into the hands of Mrs. Burrowes, wife of Eden Burrowes, for the relief of the family of the said Eden Burrowes.

The Society, not having funds to enable them to extend their charity beyond the sums mentioned, the above sums are to be paid from time to time as monies come into the Treasurer's hands.

1809.

The Standing Committee report the following resolutions to the Society:

Resolved, that as soon as the state of the funds from the interest thereof will admit, sixty dollars be placed in the hands of Col. Rhea, for Mrs. Howell and her children; sixty dollars in the hands of Genl. Elmer, for Mrs. Brooks and her children; forty dollars in the hands of Major Ballard for Mrs. Rus-

castle; twenty-five dollars to be paid by the Treasurer to Col. Wessels T. Stout or his order, and thirty dollars to be paid in the hands of Col. Ogden, to be by him remitted to Lieut. Eden Burrowes, accompanied by a letter to Mr. Burrowes, that, as he resides out of the State, and agreeable to the Constitution, ought to belong to that State Society in which he makes his residence, his application in future ought to be made to them for relief.

1810.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be disbursed for charitable purposes, as soon as the funds arising from the interest only, will admit, viz:

That sixty dollars be paid by the Treasurer to Col. Stout. That sixty dollars be placed in the hands of Col. Rhea for Mrs. Howell and her children. That sixty dollars be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles for Mrs. Elmer and her children. That sixty dollars be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer for Mrs. Brooks and her children. That forty dollars be also placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer to be applied to the education of the two youngest sons of the late Col. Buck. And that forty dollars be placed in the hands of Col. Rhea, to be applied in clothing for the use of Mr. Jacob Hyer. The recommendations were adopted.

1811.

The Standing Committee beg leave to recommend that the following sums be disbursed for charitable purposes when the interest in the Treasurer's hands will admit of the same. To Colonel W. T. Stout sixty dollars. To Mrs. R. Howell for herself and children; placed in the hands of Genl. Rhea, sixty dollars. To Mrs. Elmer, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles, sixty dollars. To Mrs. Brooks, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer, sixty dollars.

And that there be also placed in his hands, forty dollars, to be applied towards the education of the two youngest sons of the late Col. Buck.

And that forty dollars be placed in the hands of Genl. Rhea, for the use of Jacob Hyer. Recommendations were adopted.

1812.

The Standing Committee beg leave to recommend that the following sums be disbursed for charitable purposes when the interest money in the hands of the Treasurer will admit, viz:

To Col. W. T. Stout, the sum of sixty dollars. To Mrs. R. Howell, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Rhea, sixty dollars. To Mrs. Elmer, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles, sixty dollars. To Mrs. Brooks, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer, sixty dollars. Recommendations were adopted.

1813.

The Standing Committee beg leave to recommend that the following sums be disbursed for charitable purposes, when the interest money in the hands of the Treasurer will admit, viz:

To Col. Wessel T. Stout, the sum of sixty dollars. To Mrs. Elmer, widow of Capt. Eli Elmer, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles, the sum of sixty dollars.

To Mrs. Brooks, widow of Ensign Almarine Brooks, late a member of this Society, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer, sixty dollars.

To Mrs. Maribah Barton, widow of Capt. William Barton, late a member of this Society, the sum of sixty dollars, to be disbursed by the Treasurer to her. Recommendations adopted.

1814.

The Standing Committee beg leave to recommend that the following sums be disbursed for charitable purposes when the interest money in the hands of the Treasurer will admit, namely :

To Col. Stout, the sum of.....	\$60.00
To Mrs. Elmer, widow of Capt. Eli Elmer, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles.....	60.00
To Mrs. Brooks, wife of Capt. Almarine Brooks, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer	60.00
Mrs. Barton.....	60.00
To Lieut. Saml. Seely, to be appropriated in clothing for his use by Genl. Rhea, provided he shall be satisfied that Lieut. Seely has not received any relief from the Society in Pennsylvania.....	50.00
To Lieut. Seth Bowen, for his present relief, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles.....	40.00
Recommendations adopted.	

1815.

The Committee beg leave to recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes, viz :

To Col. Wessel T. Stout	\$60.00
To Mrs. J. Elmer, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. J. Giles for their use..	60.00
To Mrs. Brooks, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer for their use..	60.00
To Lieut. Seth Bowen, the sum of.....	40.00
to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles.	
To Mrs. Phebe Ruecastle, the widow of Lieut. John Ruecastle, the sum of	30.00

The Committee further recommend that, in addition to the sum of Ten Dollars advanced by and credited to the Treasurer on this day's settlement towards defraying the expenses of the funeral of Mrs. Barton, the

widow of Capt. Wm. Barton, there be allowed and paid the further sum of Twenty Dollars to Sarah, the daughter of the said deceased, for the same purpose. Recommendations adopted.

1816.

The Committee beg leave to recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes, viz :

To Col. Wessel T. Stout.....	\$60.00
Mrs. Eli Elmer, widow of Capt. Eli Elmer, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles, for their use.....	60.00
To Mrs. Brooks, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer, for their use,	60.00
To Mrs. Mary Bowen, widow of Lieut. Bowen, for herself, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles	40.00
To Mrs. Phebe Ruecastle, widow of Lieut. John Ruecastle, the sum of.....	30.00
To the children of Capt. Daniel Baldwin, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Cumming.....	60.00
To Genl. Cumming, for the sum advanced by him for the funeral expenses for the late widow of Capt. Baldwin	40.00
To Capt. Samuel Hendry.....	25.00
To Susan Armstrong, widow of the Revd. James F. Armstrong, to be placed in the hands of General Beatty, for her use.....	75.00

Recommendations adopted.

1817.

The Standing Committee begs leave to recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes, viz :

To Col. Wessel T. Stout; Mrs. Elmer, widow of Capt. Eli Elmer, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles for their use; Mrs. Brooks, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Elmer, for their use; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Mr. Armstrong, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Beatty; Miss H. L. Baldwin, for her sister Margarette Baldwin, daughter of the late Capt. Baldwin, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Cumming; Capt. Samuel Hendry, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Bloomfield; and Col. Ephraim Whitlock, \$60 each; and Mrs. Mary Bowen, widow of Lieut. Bowen, for herself, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles, \$40. They were appropriated.

1818.

The Standing Committee begs leave to recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes, viz :

To Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Mr. Armstrong, \$100, to be

placed in the hands of Genl. Beatty; Mrs. Elmer, widow of Capt. Eli Elmer, for herself and children, \$80, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles. To Mrs. Mary Bowen, widow of Lieut. Bowen, for herself, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles; and Miss H. L. Baldwin, daughter of the late Capt. Baldwin, for herself, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Cumming, \$60 each. They were appropriated.

1819.

The Standing Committee begs leave to recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes. To Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Mr. Armstrong, \$60, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Beatty. Mrs. Jane Elmer, widow of Capt. Eli Elmer, for herself and children, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles, \$60. To Mrs. Bowen, widow of Lieut. Bowen, for herself, \$40, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles. To Miss H. L. Baldwin, daughter of the late Capt. Baldwin, \$40, for herself, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Cumming. To Mrs. Lucy Stout, widow of the late W. T. Stout, the sum of \$60, for herself, to be placed in the hands of Major Ballard. They were appropriated.

1820.

The Standing Committee begs leave to recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes. To Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Mr. Armstrong, \$60. To Mrs. Jane Elmer, widow of Capt. Eli Elmer, for herself and children, \$60, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles. To Mrs. Mary Bowen, widow of Lieut. Bowen, for herself, \$40, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Giles; to Miss H. L. Baldwin, daughter of the late Capt. Baldwin, \$40, to be placed in the hands of Genl. Cumming. To Mrs. Lucy Stout, widow of the late Wessel T. Stout, the sum of \$60, for herself, to be placed in the hands of Major Ballard. They were appropriated.

1821.

The Committee beg leave to recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes. Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Mr. Armstrong, \$50. Mrs. Bowen, widow of Lieut. Bowen, for herself, \$35. Major Almarine Brooks, \$50. Miss H. L. Baldwin, daughter of Capt. Baldwin, \$35. Mrs. Lucy Stout, widow of late Wessel T. Stout, \$50. Col. Ephraim Whitlock, \$50. Mrs. Seely, widow of the late Samuel Seely, \$35. Captain Samuel Hendry, \$15, inclusive of such compensation as may be allowed to members at the present session. They were appropriated.

1822.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes. To Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Mr. Armstrong, \$60. Major Almarine Brooks, \$60. Mrs. Stout, widow of the late Wessel T. Stout, \$60. Major Whitlock, \$80. Mrs. Seely, widow of the late Samuel Seely, \$35. Miss Baldwin, daughter of the late Capt. Daniel Baldwin, \$50. Samuel Hendry, \$15. They were appropriated.

1823.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes to Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Mr. Armstrong, \$50. Mrs. Stout, widow of the late Wessel T. Stout, the sum of \$50. Mrs. Seely, widow of the late Samuel Seely, \$50. Miss Baldwin, daughter of the late Captain Daniel Baldwin, \$30. That \$50 be appropriated for the use of Major Brooks and family, and to remain in the hands of the Treasurer until it is ascertained whether he be restored to the pension list, and if so, that the appropriation be rescinded; and if the appropriations to be made, that the money be paid for their use to Genl. Elmer. The recommendations were adopted.

1824.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes to Mary Hendry, widow of Capt. Samuel Hendry, and Sarah Brooks, widow of Major Almarine Brooks, \$50 each. Mrs. Stout, widow of Wessel T. Stout; Mrs. Seely, widow of the late Samuel Seely; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Mr. Armstrong, \$40 each. The recommendations were adopted.

1825.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes to Mary Hendry, widow of Capt. Samuel Hendry; Mrs. Seely, widow of the late Samuel Seely; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the late Revd. Dr. Armstrong; Mrs. Brooks, widow of the late Major Almarine Brooks; and Colonel Whitlock, an original member of this Society, \$40 each.

1826.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes to Mary Hendry, widow of Capt. Samuel Hendry; Mrs. Seely, widow of the late Samuel Seely; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the late Revd. Dr. Armstrong; Mrs. Brooks, widow of the late Almarine Brooks; Mrs. Whitlock, widow of the late Col. Ephraim Whitlock; and Mrs. Stout, widow of the late Col. Wessel T. Stout, \$40 each. Recommendations adopted.

1827.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes to Mrs. Hendry, widow of Capt. Saml. Hendry; Mrs. Seely, widow of the late Samuel Seely; Mrs. Brooks, widow of the late Major Almarine Brooks; the two daughters of Col. Whitlock, Mrs. Telfair and Elizabeth Whitlock; and Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the late Dr. Armstrong, \$25 each. Recommendations adopted.

1828.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes: Mrs. Seely, widow of Samuel Seely; Mrs. Hay, widow of Col. Samuel Hay; Miss E. Whitlock, daughter of Col. E.

Whitlock; Mrs. Burrows, widow of Capt. Burrows; Mrs. Brooks, widow of Almarine Brooks; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of Revd. Dr. Armstrong; Mrs. Hendry, widow of Capt. Hendry; Mrs. Stout, widow of Capt. Stout; Miss Mary Ann Kinney, daughter of Col. John Kinney and Shephard Kollock, \$30 each; Major William Shute, \$20.

1829.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes to Mrs. Seely, widow of the late Samuel Seely; Mrs. Hendry, widow of Capt. Saml. Hendry; Mrs. Brooks, widow of Almarine Brooks; Mrs. Stout, widow of Col. Stout; Mrs. Hay, widow of Col. Hay; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of Revd. Dr. Armstrong, Miss Whitlock, daughter of Col. Whitlock; and Miss Kinney, daughter of Major Kinney, \$30 each. Mrs. Barber, widow of George C. Barber, late Secretary, \$60. Recommendations adopted.

1830.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for charitable purposes to Mrs. Seely, widow of Samuel C. Seely; Mrs. Armstrong; Mrs. Stout, Miss Whitlock, Major John Kinney, and Judge Kollock, \$15 each. Mrs. Hendry, widow of Capt. Samuel Hendry; Mrs. Brooks, widow of Almarine Brooks, and Mrs. Barber, \$25 each. Recommendations adopted.

1831.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated to Mrs. Seely, widow of Saml. C. Seely; Mrs. Hendry, widow of Capt. Saml. Hendry; Mrs. Hay, widow of Col. Saml. Hay; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of Revd. Mr. Armstrong; Mrs. Stout, widow of Col. Stout; Mrs. Barber, widow of Geo. C. Barber; and Mrs. Brooks, widow of Major Brooks, \$25 each.

The Standing Committee recommended to the Society to give an equal sum to each of the applicants for their charity and benevolence. They know of no measure by which they can discriminate with delicacy and propriety among them who are the relicts or the children of their deceased brethern and the members of this Society. They take it for granted that none have applied or will apply, but such as feel the pressure of want, and they shrink from the investigation into the comparative extent of their wants.

The names of Majors Kinney and Kollock having been struck from the list of applicants in the report, it was Resolved, that a special donation of \$25 be allowed to Majors Kinney and Kollock each. Resolved, that the Treasurer be directed to pay to Mrs. Barber out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25, a special donation as a small testimony of our respect for her worth and our sympathy with her bereavement. Recommendations adopted.

1832.

The Standing Committee do recommend that the charities and donations of the Society be distributed to the following applicants, viz:

To Mrs. Seely, widow of Samuel C. Seely; Mrs. Hendry, widow of Capt. Samuel Hendry; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of the Revd. Dr. Armstrong; Mrs. Barber, widow of George C. Barber; Mrs. Brooks, widow of Major Brooks, and Major John Kinney

The Standing Committee in obedience to the order of the Society, have specified no sums to the above respective names. They repeat that they are unable, from delicacy and feeling to make any discrimination. The sacred fund of benevolence created by the sympathies and nurtured by the care of the officers of the Revolution and their descendants and successors was intended to relieve the distresses and the feelings of their widows and children in all tenderness and delicacy; and in this spirit of delicacy, the committee shrink from the investigation into the comparative extent of their wants.

Resolved, that a donation of Thirty dollars be given to each of the persons named in the report, and that thirty dollars be presented by this Society to Mrs. Barber as a further and special donation.

1834.

In consequence of the smallness of the funds of the Society the Committee decline making to the Society any recommendations for relief. The Society appropriated to Eliza D. Whitlock, daughter of Col. Whitlock, \$25; Mary Ann Kinney, daughter of Major John Kinney, \$20; Mrs. Brooks, widow of Major Almarine Brooks, \$25; Mrs. Barber, widow of Geo. C. Barber, \$35; Mrs. Armstrong, widow of James F. Armstrong; Miss Mary De Hart, daughter of Capt. Cyrus De Hart, and Mrs. Hendry, widow of Capt. Hendry, \$25 each.

1835.

The Standing Committee report that the following applications have been made to them for relief: Miss Elizabeth D. Whitlock, daughter of Col. Whitlock; Miss Sproul, daughter of Capt. Sproul; Mrs. Abby Hendry, widow of Dr. Hendry; Mrs. Mary C. Barber, widow of Geo. C. Barber, Esq.; Mrs. L. Armstrong, widow of Jas. F. Armstrong; Mrs. Brooks, widow of Major A. Brooks; Mrs. Seely, widow of Capt. Seely; Miss De Hart, daughter of Capt. De Hart; Miss Mary Ann Kinney, daughter of Col. J. Kinney and William Hyer, \$25 was appropriated to each.

1836.

The Standing Committee recommend that \$40 be appropriated to the following persons for relief: Mrs. Armstrong, widow of Revd. Mr. Armstrong; Miss Whitlock, daughter of Col. Whitlock; Mrs. Abby Hendry, widow of Dr. Hendry; Mrs. Barber, widow of Geo. C. Barber; Miss De Hart, daughter of Capt. Cyrus De Hart, and Mr. Hyer. Report adopted.

1837.

The Standing Committee recommend that \$30 be given the following applicants to who have made applications to them for relief: Miss Seely, daughter of Lieut. Saml. Seely; Mrs. Barber, widow of George Barber; Miss Whitlock, daughter of Major Whitlock; Miss De Hart, daughter of Capt.

De Hart; Mrs. Hendry, widow of Dr. Hendry; Miss Kinney, daughter of Dr. John Kinney; Miss Phebe Ogden, daughter of C. S. Ogden and Mr. William Hyer. Report adopted.

1838.

The Standing Committee recommend that \$25 be donated to the following applicants who have made application to them for relief, to wit: Mrs. Barber, widow of Geo. C. Barber; Mrs. Williamson, daughter of Major Wm. Shute; Mrs. Seely; Mrs. Hendry; Miss Whitlock; Miss De Hart; Miss Ogden, daughter of Col. Ogden; Miss Stout, daughter of Col. W. T. Stout; Miss Reckless, daughter of A. W. Reckless; Wm. Hyer; Miss Sproul, daughter of Moses Sproul, and Miss Kinney, daughter of Colonel Kinney.

Report adopted.

1839.

The following applications for relief have been made to your Standing Committee and they would recommend them as worthy and deserving of the relief they seek:

Miss Nancy Reckless; Mrs. J. Williamson; Miss Sprowles; Mrs. Seely; the daughter of Col. Whitlock; Mrs. Rachael Lloyd; Mrs. Hendry; Wm. Hyer; Miss Ogden; Miss De Hart; Mrs. Barber; Miss Kinney; Miss Stout; Mrs. Harriet H. Armstrong, and they recommend that the donations be made accordingly. They further report that if their estimates are correct, the sum of \$22 will be the amount of each donation, besides the sum of \$5 to Col. Whitlock who is attending at this time under peculiar circumstances.

1840.

The Standing Committee recommend that \$121 be donated to the following applicants who have made applications to them for relief: Mrs. J. Williamson, Miss Jane Shute, Miss Sarah Thomas, Miss Sproules, Mrs. Nancy Reckless, Mrs. Chandler, daughter of Col. Whitlock; Mrs. Hendry, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss De Hart, Miss Stout, Mrs. Harriet H. Armstrong, Mr. Wm. Hyer, and Mrs. Rachel Lloyd. Recommendations adopted. Also \$6 to Mr. Whitlock.

1841.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following receive the sum of \$20: Miss Stout, Miss S. Thomas, Mrs. Chandler, daughter of Col. Whitlock; Miss Sprouls, Miss N. Reckless, Mrs. Hendry, Miss P. Ogden, Mrs. M. Barber, Miss M. E. De Hart, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. H. Armstrong, Mrs. Hyer, widow of Wm. Hyer. Recommendations adopted.

1842.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive each the sum of \$25: Miss S. Thomas; Mrs. Chandler, daughter of Col. Whitlock; Miss Stout; Miss Sprouls; Miss M. Reckless; Miss P. A. Ogden; Mrs. M. Barber; Miss M. E. De Hart; Mrs. H. Armstrong; Mrs. Hyer; Mrs. Lloyd, and Mrs. Patton. Recommendations adopted.

1843.

The Standing Committee recommends that each of the following persons receive the sum of \$23 each, viz:

Miss Thomas; Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Powers; Miss Stout; Miss Sprouls; Miss Reckless; Miss Ogden; Mrs. Barber; Miss De Hart; Mrs. Armstrong; Mrs. Hyer; Mrs. Lloyd; Mrs. Patton, and Mrs. Bayard. Recommendations adopted.

1844.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive the sum of \$23 each:

Miss Thomas; Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Powers; Miss Stout; Miss Sproul; Miss Reckless; Miss Ogden; Mrs. Barber; Miss De Hart; Mrs. Armstrong; Mrs. Hyer; Mrs. Lloyd; Mrs. Patton; Mrs. Bayard, and Mr. Wm. B. Heard. Recommendations adopted.

1845.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive the sum of \$20, viz.:

Miss Thomas, Wm. Whitlock, Miss Stout, Miss Sprouls, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Patton, and Mrs. Bayard. Recommendations adopted.

1846.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive the sum of \$23.

Miss Thomas, Wm. Whitlock, Miss Stout, Miss Sproules, Miss Reckless, Miss P. A. Ogden, Mrs. Mary Barber, Miss M. E. De Hart, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. A. B. Patton, Mrs. C. Bayard and Mrs. H. Armstrong. Recommendations adopted.

1847.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive \$23, and that William V. Hurd receive an extra donation of \$15.

Miss Thomas, William Whitlock, Miss Stout, Miss Sproules, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Bayard. Recommendations adopted.

1848.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$23, and that the name of Elvia be substituted for Ann Reckless, now deceased, and that Jane Butler, granddaughter of Capt. Cyrus De Hart, is also recommended by the Committee to receive a like sum.

Miss Thomas, William Whitlock, Miss Stout, Miss Sprouls, Miss Elvia Reckless, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Bayard, and Miss Butler. Wm. V. Hurd \$15, and A. F. Walker \$10. Recommendations adopted.

1849.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive the sum of \$15: Miss Thomas, Mr. Wm. Whitlock, Miss Stout, Miss Sprouls, Miss E. Reckless, Miss Ogden, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Bayard, Miss Butler, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. M. R. C. Williamson and Miss Amelia G. Dayton to receive jointly \$15, and Miss Eliza Dayton and Miss Sally Dayton to receive jointly \$15, and William V. Hurd and Francis Barber to receive respectively \$15. Recommendations adopted.

1850.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive the sum of \$23:

Miss Thomas, Wm. Whitlock, Miss Stout, Miss Sproules, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Kollock, Miss Butler, Mrs. M. R. Williamson, Miss A. G. Dayton jointly, and Miss S. Dayton. William V. Hurd, \$15. Recommendations adopted.

1851.

The Standing Committee recommend that donations of \$20 be made to each of the following persons:

Miss Thomas, to be paid to Geo. C. Thomas; William Whitlock, paid to himself; Miss Stout, paid to R. M. Stout; Miss Sproul, paid to Wm. Lloyd; Miss Reckless, paid to R. M. Stout; Miss Ogden, paid to Matts. Ogden; Mrs. Barber, paid to F. Barber; Miss De Hart, paid to Mr. De Hart to F. Barber; Mrs. Armstrong, to herself; Mrs. Hyer, to Alex. C. Hyer; Mrs. Lloyd, to Wm. Lloyd; Mrs. Kollock, to J. McDowell, Jr., Miss Butler to F. Barber; Mrs. M. R. Williamson and Amelia G. Dayton, to Matts. Ogden; and Miss Sally Dayton, to F. Barber.

It appears that the donation of \$23, ordered last year to Mrs. A. B. Patton in consequence of her decease shortly after the meeting of the Society has not been paid, and the Committee, being satisfied that Mrs. H. C. Patton had the charge of and provided for Mrs. A. B. Patton up to the time of her decease, recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay the said donation to Mrs. H. C. Patton. Recommendations adopted.

1852.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive the sum of \$17.

Miss Thomas, William Whitlock, Miss Sproules, Miss Reckless, Miss Stout, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Kollock, Miss Butler, Mrs. Williamson, and Miss A. G. Dayton (jointly) and Miss Sally Dayton. William V. Hurd, \$15.

They also recommend that there be paid to Geo. C. Thomas the sum of \$17 for Mrs. H. C. Patton. Recommendations adopted.

1853.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons be paid the sum of \$19:

Miss Thomas, Miss Stout, Miss Whitlock, Miss Sprowls, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Miss Barber, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Kollock, Miss Butler, Mrs. M. R. C. Williamson, and Amelia G. C. Dayton (jointly) and Miss Sally Dayton. Recommendations adopted.

1854.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive the sum of \$22:

Miss Thomas, Miss Stout, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss DeHart, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hyer, Miss Lloyd, Miss Butler, Mrs. M. R. C. Williamson and A. G. Dayton (jointly), Miss Sally Dayton, Misses E. C. and P. A. O. Barber (jointly), and Mrs. Kollock. Recommendations adopted.

1855.

The Standing Committee report that there will be available the present year for donations the sum of \$270 and they recommend that it be divided equally among each of the following persons:

Miss Thomas, Miss Stout, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss DeHart, Mrs. Hyer, Miss Lloyd, Miss Butler, Mrs. Williamson and Miss A. G. Dayton (jointly), Miss Sally Dayton, Misses E. C. Barber and P. A. O. Barber (jointly), Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Buck.

Mrs. Buck, widow of John Buck, late deceased, and formerly a member of this Society, having through Lucius Q. C. Elmer applied to this Society for relief, she being in indigent circumstances with two small children; the committee recommend that her name be placed on the list of the recipients of this Society for relief. The Committee recommend that a donation of \$18 be paid to George Whitlock, son of Col. Ephraim Whitlock, late deceased, formerly an original member of this society, he having made application for relief, and that the same be paid to George C. Thomas. Recommendations adopted.

1856.

The Standing Committee report that the sum of \$340 will be available for donations, and they recommend that it be divided equally among the following persons:

Miss Thomas, Miss Stout, Miss Buck, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Amelia C. Dayton, Miss E. C. Barber, and Phoebe A. C. Barber, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. R. Buck, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Lloyd and Miss Sally Dayton. Recommendations adopted.

1857.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$20 each:

Miss Thomas, Miss Stout, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Miss DeHart, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Mary Ann Powers, Mrs. W. D. Spencer, Miss Sally Dayton.

The following persons to receive \$10 each: Mrs. M. R. C. Williamson, Amelia C. Dayton, Elizabeth C. Barber, and P. A. C. Barber. Recommendations adopted.

1858.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$20 each:

Miss Thomas, Miss Stout, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Barber, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Buck, Miss Sally Dayton, and Mrs. Armstrong.

The following persons to receive \$10 each: Mrs. Williamson, Miss Amelia C. Dayton, Miss Elizabeth C. Barber and Miss Phoebe A. C. Barber. Recommendations adopted.

1859.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive the sum of \$20 each:

Miss Thomas, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Eleanor F. Lloyd and Susan P. Lloyd (jointly), Mrs. Barber, Elizabeth C. Barber and Phoebe A. C. Barber (jointly), Miss Sally Dayton, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Amelia C. Dayton (jointly), Mrs. Stout, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, and Miss DeHart.

Mrs. Rachel Lloyd having died since the meeting of the Society, her daughters, Eleanor F. and Susan P. Lloyd, having made application to receive the donation formerly received by their mother, the Standing Committee recommend the same to be allowed. Dr. Lewis Dunham, having deceased since the last meeting of the Society, and Mrs. Dunham, his wife, having applied for assistance from this Society, the Standing Committee recommend that her name be placed on the list of beneficiaries after this year. Recommendations adopted.

1860.

The Committee report that the sum of \$12 each will be available for donations the present year and they recommend that each of the following persons receive the aforesaid sum:

Miss S. Thomas, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Buck, The Misses Lloyd, Mrs. Barber, The Misses Barber, Miss Sallie Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Mrs. Williamson and Miss A. C. Dayton (jointly), Miss Stout, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Miss De Hart, Mrs. Dr. Dunham, Miss Harriet Pennington. Matthias Ogden to receive \$10. Recommendations adopted.

1861.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive \$10:

Miss Sallie Thomas, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Buck, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Barber, Misses Barber, Miss Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Mrs. Williamson and Miss A. C. Dayton

(jointly), Miss Stout, Miss Reckless, Miss Ogden, Miss DeHart, Miss Pennington, Mrs. Dunham, and Mrs. P. C. Hay. Jos. E. Bloomfield to receive for this year \$10. Recommendations adopted.

1862.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive \$10:

Miss Sally Thomas, Miss Helen Stout, The Misses Lloyd, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Buck, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Sallie Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Miss Amelia Dayton and Mrs. Williamson (jointly), Miss Reckless, Miss Phoebe Ogden, Miss DeHart, Mrs. Dunham, Miss Pennington and Francis Barber.

The Committee recommend that hereafter no new names be added to the list of beneficiaries unless satisfactory evidence is produced to show the absolute need of the applicant. Recommendations adopted.

1863.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive \$20 each:

Miss Sallie Thomas, Miss Helen Stout, The Misses Lloyd, Miss Whitlock, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Elizabeth Barber, Miss Sallie Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Miss Amelia Dayton and Mrs. Williamson (jointly), Miss Reckless, Miss Phoebe Ogden, Mrs. De Hart, Mrs. Dunham, Miss Pennington, and Mrs. P. C. Hay. Recommendations adopted.

1864.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive \$25 each:

Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Kollock, Miss Sally Thomas, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss A. Dayton, Miss Phoebe Ogden, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Miss DeHart, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Miss Reckless, Miss H. Stout, The Misses Lloyd, Mrs. Dunham, Miss Pennington, and Mrs. Lot. Recommendations adopted.

1865.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons receive \$25 each:

Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Miss A. Dayton, Miss Phoebe Ogden, Miss E. Barber, Miss Mary DeHart, Sallie Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Mrs. Reckless, Miss Stout, the Misses Lloyd, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Dunham, Miss Pennington. The donation to Mr. Hyer, funeral expenses of his mother, \$50. Recommendations adopted.

1866.

The Standing Committee recommend that each of the following persons be given the sum of \$25: Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Miss Dayton, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Lott, Miss Barber,

Miss De Hart, Sallie Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Miss Reckless, Miss Stout, Miss Lloyd, and Miss Thomas. Recommendations adopted.

1867.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$25 each:

Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Kollock, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Mrs. Dunham, Miss Amelia Dayton, Mrs. Elizabeth Barber, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Reckless, Miss H. Stout, The Misses Lloyd, Miss G. Thomas, Miss Alice Ogden, Miss S. Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), and Alexander Hyer. Recommendations adopted.

1868.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$25 each: Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Eliza Barber, Miss Mary De Hart, Miss S. Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), The Misses Lloyd, Miss Amelia Dayton, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Mrs. Dunham, Miss G. Thomas, Mrs. Kollock, Miss Reckless, Miss H. Stout, Mrs. Buck, Francis Barber, Charles F. Hendry, and Alex. M. Cumming. Recommendations adopted.

1869.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$25 each:

Miss Amelia G. Dayton, the Misses Lloyd, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Miss S. Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Miss Eliza Barber, Miss Mary DeHart, Mrs. Lewis Dunham, Miss G. Thomas, Miss Reckless, Miss H. Stout, Miss Alice Ogden, Miss Mary E. Beatty, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. E. W. Lott, Alex. M. Cumming, and Mrs. John McDowell, Jr., the sum of \$50. Recommendations adopted.

1870.

The Standing Committee recommend that donations be distributed as follows: \$20 to Mrs. John Buck, Miss Amelia C. Dayton, the Misses Lloyd, Mrs. C. E. Hay, Miss S. Dayton and Mrs. Sterling (jointly), Miss Eliza Barber, Miss Mary De Hart, Mrs. Lewis Dunham, Miss G. Thomas, Miss Eliza Reckless, Miss H. Stout, Miss Alice Ogden, Mrs. E. W. Lott, Mrs. Harriet H. Armstrong, and Miss Julia Pennington.

\$12.50 to Francis Barber, Chas. F. Hendry, and Alex. M. Cumming. Recommendations adopted.

1871.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$25 each:

Mrs. E. B. D. Ogden, Miss Amelia C. Dayton, Mrs. C. A. Dunham, Mrs. John Buck, The Misses Lloyd, Mrs. E. W. Lott, Mrs. Mary Green, Mrs. Harriet H. Armstrong, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Sallie Dayton, Mrs. C. E. Hay, and Miss Julia A. Pennington. Recommendations adopted.

1872.

The Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$25:

Mrs. Mary Green, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Allen, Mrs. E. C. Hay, Miss A. G. Dayton, Miss Elizabeth W. Scott, Miss Julia A. Pennington, Mrs. John Buck, The Misses Lloyd, Mrs. Mary De Hart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Sarah O. Dayton, Miss G. Thomas, Miss Eliza J. Reckless, Mrs. Alice Ogden, Mrs. C. A. Dunham, and Alex. M. Cumming. Recommendations adopted.

1873.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$25.

Mrs. Rebecca T. Buck, the Misses Eleanor and Susan Lloyd (jointly), Mrs. E. C. Hay, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Scott, Mrs. E. F. Allen, Miss Amelia G. Dayton, Miss Julia Pennington, Mrs. C. Dunham, Miss Mary De Hart, Mrs. E. W. Lott, Mrs. Alice De Hart Ogden, Miss Sallie Dayton, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Mary A. Thomas and Miss Eliza Reckless. Recommendations adopted.

1874.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the following persons receive \$25 each:

Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Sally Dayton, Mrs. Alice Ogden, Mrs. E. T. Allen, Mrs. C. A. Dunham, Mrs. R. T. Buck, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Mary Thomas, Miss Julia A. Pennington, Misses E. and S. Lloyd, Mrs. E. W. Lott, and Miss Reckless. Recommendations adopted.

1875.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$25 be appropriated to each of the following persons:

Mrs. R. T. Buck, Mrs. E. W. Lott, Misses Lloyd, Miss Sallie Dayton, Miss Mary Thomas, Miss Mary Cumming, Mrs. C. A. Dunham, Miss J. A. Pennington, Mrs. E. F. Allen, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Mrs. Alice Ogden, Miss Eliza J. Reckless. Recommendations adopted.

1876.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$25 be appropriated to each of the following persons:

Miss Mary Cumming, Miss Eliza J. Reckless, Miss Mary A. Shute, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Lott, Mrs. C. A. Dunham, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Allen, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Sallie Dayton, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Mary Thomas, Mrs. Alice DeHart Ogden, the Misses Eleanor and Susan Lloyd, and Miss Julia Pennington. Recommendation adopted.

The application of Mrs. Rebecca T. Buck being received after the report of the Standing Committee had been acted upon, on motion it was unanimously resolved, that her name be added to the list and the Treasurer instructed accordingly.

1877.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$25 be appropriated to the following persons:

Mrs. E. W. Lott, Julia A. Pennington, Mary Cumming, R. T. Buck, Elizabeth Allen, Elizabeth J. Reckless, Ellen and Susan Lloyd, Mary DeHart, Sally Dayton, Mary Shute, Elizabeth Barber, Mary Thomas, Mrs. Alice Ogden and Mrs. C. A. Dunham. Recommendations adopted.

1878.

Your Standing Committee recommend the following persons as beneficiaries of this Society, and that \$25 be appropriated to each:

Miss Julia Pennington, Miss Sally C. Dayton, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Mary Cumming, Miss Mary Thomas, Mrs. C. A. Dunham, Mrs. John Buck, Mrs. E. F. Allen, Mrs. E. W. Lott, Mrs. Alice Ogden, the Misses Lloyd and Miss Eliza J. Reckless. Recommendations adopted.

1879.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$25 be appropriated to each of the following persons:

The Misses Lloyd, Miss Mary A. Thomas, Miss Sarah O. Dayton, Miss Mary E. DeHart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Alice Ogden, Miss Julia A. Pennington, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Allen, Mrs. C. A. Dunham, Miss E. J. Reckless, Miss Mary Cumming, Mrs. E. W. Lott, and Mrs. John Buck. Recommendations adopted.

1880.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$25 be appropriated to each of the following persons, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth F. Allen, the Misses Lloyd, Miss Mary Cumming, Miss Julia A. Pennington, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Sally O. Dayton, Mrs. C. Dunham, and Mrs. Rebecca Buck. Recommendations adopted.

1881.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$25 be appropriated to each of the following persons: Mrs. John Buck, the Misses Lloyd, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Sally O. Dayton, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Julia A. Pennington, Mrs. Catharine Dunham and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Allen. Recommendations adopted.

1882.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$25 be appropriated to each of the following persons: Mrs. Buck, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Sally Dayton, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Julia Pennington, Mrs. E. F. Allen, the Misses E. and S. Lloyd, Mrs. Dunham, and Miss Mary Cumming. Recommendations adopted.

1883.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$20 be appropriated to the following persons, viz: Mrs. E. F. Allen, Miss Julia Pennington, Mrs. John Buck, Miss Mary Cumming, Misses Lloyd, Mrs. C. A. Dunham, Miss M. DeHart, Miss Sally Dayton, and Miss Elizabeth Barber. Recommendations adopted.

1884.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$120 be divided among the following persons, viz: Miss Eleanor and Susan Lloyd, Miss Sally Dayton, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Julia Pennington, and Mrs. Catharine Dunham. Recommendations adopted.

1885.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$120 be appropriated for donations and that it be divided pro rata among the following persons:

Miss Lloyd, Miss Sally Dayton, Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Julia A. Pennington, and Mrs. Catharine Dunham. Recommendations adopted.

1886.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for donations for the current year, and that it be divided pro rata among the following persons: Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Sally Dayton, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Julia A. Pennington, and Miss Eleanor Lloyd. Recommendations adopted.

1887.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for donations and that it be divided pro rata among the following persons:

Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Mrs. Catharine Dunham, Miss Lloyd, and Miss Julia Pennington. Recommendations adopted.

1888.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$80 be appropriated for donations and that it be divided pro rata among the following persons:

Miss Mary DeHart, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Mrs. Catharine Dunham and Miss Julia Pennington. Recommendations adopted.

1889.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$50 be appropriated for donations and that it be divided pro rata among the following persons: Miss Elizabeth Barber and Miss Julia Pennington. Recommendation adopted.

1890.

Your Standing Committee recommend that the sum of \$50 be appropriated for donations and that it be divided pro rata among the following persons: Miss Julia Pennington and Miss Elizabeth Barber. Recommendation adopted.

1891.

It was Resolved, that the sum of \$50 be appropriated for donations to be divided pro rata between the following persons: Miss Julia A. Pennington and Miss Elizabeth Barber.

1892.

Your Standing Committee recommend that \$150 be appropriated for donations to be divided pro rata among the following beneficiaries:

Miss Julia A. Pennington, Miss Elizabeth Barber, Miss Mary DeHart. Recommendation adopted.

1893. Your Standing Committee recommend that \$50 each be donated from the funds of the Society to Mrs. William C. DeHart and Miss Elizabeth Barber. Recommendation adopted.

1894. It was Resolved, the the sum of \$50 be donated to Miss Elizabeth Barber, and that the Treasurer pay the same.

1895. Your Standing Committee recommend that the Society appropriate the sum of \$50 to Miss Elizabeth Barber. Recommendation adopted.

1896. Your Standing Committee would recommend that a donation of \$50 be paid to Miss Elizabeth Barber. Recommendation adopted.

1897. Your Standing Committee would recommend that a donation of \$50 be paid to Miss Elizabeth Barber. Recommendation adopted.

1898. Resolved, that the Treasurer be directed to pay to Miss Elizabeth Barber \$50, to John James Piatt and William Bloomfield each \$25, if necessity demanded it.

1899. Resolved, that \$50 be donated to Miss Elizabeth Barber.

1900. Your Standing Committee would recommend that a donation of \$50 be paid to Miss Elizabeth Barber, and that a donation of \$25 be made to Mr. John James Piatt. Recommendation adopted.

1901. Your Standing Committee would recommend that the annual donation of \$50 be made to Miss Elizabeth Barber. Recommendation adopted.

1902. Resolved, that a donation of \$50 be allowed Miss E. Barber and that \$25 be allowed to Major J. H. Piatt.

1903.

The Standing Committee recommend the following donations, viz: \$50 to Miss Elizabeth Barber and \$6 per month to Major J. H. Piatt. Recommendations adopted.

1904.

The Standing Committee recommend the following donations, viz: \$75 Miss Elizabeth Barber.

That the Treasurer communicate with the Superintendent of the Soldiers' Home relative to Major J. H. Piatt, and that the donation of \$6 per month be paid to Major Piatt at the discretion of the Treasurer. Recommendations adopted.

1905.

The Standing Committee recommend that Miss Elizabeth Barber receive the customary donation of \$75. That Major Piatt be paid at the discretion of the Treasurer, \$6 per month. Recommendations adopted.

1906.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1783.

Certain charges of ungentlemanly conduct being alleged against Captain Alexander Mitchell, it was agreed that he be cited by the Secretary to appear at the next meeting of the Society to answer to the said charges and that in the meantime the diploma and Order of the Society be with-holden from him.

Ordered, that it be recommended to the members of the Society who have served in the line of the army, at all meetings of the Society to wear the proper uniform of the Jersey line.

The President was requested to write to the honorary members and acquaint them with their appointment.

1785.

The Society met according to adjournment, and finding that some members had absented themselves without leave, took the same into consideration and after some time spent thereon, reported that no members hereafter shall absent themselves from the Society after their session has begun without leave first obtained of the Society, if sitting, or of the President in the recess of the Society, until it be regularly adjourned for the session, under the penalty of four dollars.

The Society went into the consideration of the report made by the committee respecting the alterations and amendments of the original institution made by the general Society, and after some time spent therein, it was agreed to postpone the determination till the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded that the President be empowered and instructed to correspond with the Presidents of the State Societies on the subject of proposed alterations in the institution previous to the next annual meeting, for the purpose of finally determining on the said alterations; and that the President be authorized to call a special meeting if he shall judge it necessary, which was carried in the affirmative.

1786.

The institution of the Society was read agreeably to order.

On motion it was agreed that the Revd. Mr. Hunter be requested to procure 80 diplomas on parchment agreeable to the institution, and that every member advance him one dollar for defraying the expenses arising thereon. And that each member, who is not present, and who has not made the advance, do it previous to his receiving his diploma.

The Committee appointed to reclaim instructions for the representatives of this State meeting in the General Society to be held on the first Monday in May next, upon deliberate consideration, are of opinion that unless charters of incorporation be obtained from the legislatures of the respective states, the Society of Cincinnati must by the common course of nature, in a few years be at an end, therefor in order to place the future existence of the Society upon a more stable foundation your committee beg leave to report the following draught of instructions for the representatives.

To Jonathan Dayton, Esqr., the Honorable David Brearly, Esqr., Elias Boudinot, Joseph Bloomfield and David Foreman, Esquires, representatives of the Cincinnati of the State of New Jersey in General Society.

GENTLEMEN:

Although this Society have agreed to adopt the Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati as altered and amended at their first general meeting, yet we are of opinion that some more effectual mode for perpetuating the same should be fallen on than that proposed; we do, therefore, instruct you Gentlemen to concur in or propose and by all proper means which may be in your power, endeavor to obtain such an amendment to the institution of the General Society, that in case of the death or expulsion of any of the present members thereof, provision may be made for the supplying such vacancy by an election to be made by the state meeting of that state wherein the same shall happen, at their next or some subsequent meeting thereafter. Which was unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, that the Vice-President be appointed to write to the several state Societies and inform them that the Society of this State has adopted the institution as altered and amended at the general meeting of the Society, of the Cincinnati in May, 1784, and to accompany the same with the instructions this Society has given their representatives in the next meeting of the General Society.

1787.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the proceedings of the last general meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati and report what is necessary to be done thereon by this State Society previous to the next general meeting, beg leave to report:

I. That this State Society make provision for the payment of their proportion of three thousand and fourteen dollars to the Secretary General of the Society agreeably to the rule of appointment, established by them at their last general meeting, it being the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars and sixty-three ninetieths of a dollar, and that the said sum be transmitted on or before the first day of September next for the purpose of discharging certain debts incurred in France on account of the Society as stated in the proceedings of the general meeting.

II. That this State Society empower their delegates at the next general meeting to agree upon and finally to establish all such alterations as may be necessary in the Constitution of the society.

III. That this State Society be punctual in communicating to the next general meeting a fair and accurate return of their respective members properly authenticated, and that this State Society do in all things strictly conform to the principles of the Institution. Report was accepted.

Resolved, that the Secretary be punctual hereafter in communicating to each general meeting a fair and accurate return of the members of this Society properly authenticated.

Resolved, that the Treasurer keep a book of debtor and creditor of every member and present the same at next meeting together with an extract of delinquent members and a fair roll of all the members of this Society.

1788.

Resolved, that the diplomas remaining on hand be deposited with the Treasurer and be by him filled up and delivered to the members who have not yet received them, on their paying their quota of all arrears due to the Society.

The Committee appointed to consider the letter from the members of the General Society made the following report :

I. That this State Society empower their delegates at the next general meeting to agree upon and finally to establish all such regulations as may be deemed necessary in the constitution of the Society.

II. That this Society do approve the conduct of their delegates who attended at Philadelphia in May last.

III. That the Treasurer make report in what manner he has applied the money directed by this Society at their last meeting to be paid to the Secretary General for the purpose of discharging certain debts incurred in France on account of the Society. The above report was agreed.

The said Committee also made the following report :

I. That every member who has signed the Institution be charged with a month's pay.

II. That every such member be also charged with his proportion of the expenses assessed at each meeting.

III. That when a member certified to the Society that he has resided in another State, and attended as a member of the State Society of that State, he shall have credit for the sums charged against him during such residence and attendance there.

IV. That when a member who has signed the Institution in another State join the Society, he shall be charged with his proportion of the expenses assessed since the time of his having joined. Resolved, that the above report be agreed to.

Resolved, that Col. Brearley, Major Bloomfield and Mr. Hunter be a committee to revise and correct the minutes of this Society from its beginning to the present day, that after such revision and correction they shall be transcribed in a book to be prepared for that purpose by the Secretary.

1789.

Resolved, that the Secretary be requested to invite the members of the late American Army who are now in town to walk in procession with the Society.

Ordered, that the Secretary procure a suitable book for recording the transactions of this Society, and that he make a fair transcript of the minutes as revised and corrected as soon as convenient.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Col. Frelinghuysen for his oration and that a copy be presented and preserved in the archives of the Society.

1790.

A letter from Col. Frelinghuysen enclosing a copy of the oration was read and agreeably to the resolve of last meeting, the oration was laid up among the archives of the Society.

A circular letter from the Secretary General was read and ordered to be filed.

Captain Dayton, who was appointed to deliver an oration before the Society at this meeting having informed the Society that he was unavoidably prevented by indisposition, Resolved unanimously that his reason be deemed satisfactory.

Ordered, that the Secretary transmit to the Secretary-General an accurate return of the persons composing this State Society as soon as it can be conveniently completed.

Ordered, that the Standing Committee meet at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon preceding the next meeting of this Society at Elizabeth Town.

Resolved, that the Revd. Dr. J. F. Armstrong be requested to accept the thanks of this Society for his excellent discourse and that he be desired to furnish the Society with a copy to be deposited among the archives.

1791.

Resolved unanimously, that mourning consisting of a crape or ribband on the left arm be worn during thirty days from this time as testimony of affection to the memory of General Ogden and Col. Brearly, late members of this Society, deceased since the last meeting; and that in case of the death of any member, the presiding officer give public notice that mourning be worn by the Society during the time mentioned above.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be given to Captain Dayton for his excellent oration, and that he furnish the Society with a copy to be deposited among the archives.

A circular letter from the Secretary-General enclosing six copies of the proceedings of the late extra-general meeting was read together with the proceedings, whereupon unanimously resolved, that the delegates from this Society to the next general meeting be fully empowered to agree upon and finally establish all such alterations as may be thought necessary in the general constitution of the Cincinnati, and that any amendments or alterations in the Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati which may be concurred in by the representatives of nine states in the next general meeting shall be obligatory upon and inviolably observed by this Society, although not therein represented, and that this resolve duly authenticated be transmitted to the Secretary General.

Resolved, that the Treasurer write to every member in arrears to make immediate payment of their respective sums due to the Society.

Resolved, that it be the duty of the Standing Committee and that it be enjoined upon them to examine into and report annually, the state of the Treasurer's accounts, who is hereby required to produce a fair statement of the same to the Committee at every stated meeting.

The Secretary laid before the Society a list of its members which, being read and corrected, he was ordered to transmit a fair copy thereof to the Secretary General and enter the original upon the files of the Society.

1792.

Resolved, that the Hon. Elias Boudinot and Jonathan Dayton, Esquires, be continued a committee to procure one hundred diplomas for the use of this Society by the next meeting, fifty of which to be signed by the President General, and deliver them to the Treasurer who is hereby directed to pay the expenses of the same; and the Secretary is hereby ordered to serve said Committee with an authenticated copy of this resolve.

Resolved, that in future the second orator be prepared to deliver an oration in case the first should by any means be prevented therefrom.

Ordered that the Standing Committee meet at four of the clock on the afternoon preceeding the next annual meeting of this Society at Elizabeth Town.

1793.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be given to the Honorable Elias Boudinot, Esq., Doctor of Laws, for his excellent oration and that he furnish the Society with a copy to be deposited in their archives.

Communication from the State Society of Georgia and from a Committee of the State Society of New York respecting the funding system, with lists of the officers of their respective societies were read and ordered to be filed.

Resolved, that in future the members be recorded in the minutes and called upon in the Society by their names with the appellation of Mr., any former rule to the contrary notwithstanding.

1794.

Ordered, that Messieurs Richard Howell, James F. Armstrong, and Jonathan Rhea be a committee to have printed as many copies of the Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, together with a list of the members of this Society, and its standing rules and by laws as they may think sufficient for the use of the members.

The Treasurer reported that the diplomas ordered by Messieurs Boudinot and Dayton were printed, but the President General had not signed them. Ordered that Mr. John Beatty be added to the Committee and that they procure and deliver said diplomas as soon as may be to the Treasurer.

Resolved, that Messrs. John N. Cumming, Aaron Ogden and Jonathan Dayton be a committee to inquire into the charges against Mr. John Polhemus, and to make report at the next meeting. Resolved, also, that in the meantime the said John Polhemus be suspended.

Resolved, that Messrs. John N. Cumming, Aaron Ogden, and Jonathan Dayton be a committee to report a plan at the next meeting whereby a general attendance of the members of this Society, may if possible in future, be obtained.

1795.

The Secretary being absent, Mr. Bloomfield was requested to act as Secretary at this meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

A letter from Mr. Richard Cox, the Treasurer, being read, resolved, that the reason for his non-attendance is satisfactory.

The Committee appointed to obtain a number of diplomas to be signed by the President General, reported that they made application as directed, but some difficulties arising lest an improper use might be made of them, the committee gave assurances that this Society would take the most prudent measures to prevent that evil, that thereupon the President General did sign fifty diplomas, which with fifty more remaining unsigned, are now ready to be delivered to the order of the Society. On motion it was ordered, that the diplomas be delivered to the President for the time being and that they be kept by him in the safest manner and that none be delivered out but by the order of the Society for that purpose.

Ordered also, that members who may want diplomas give in their names to the Standing Committee with the reasons for their request, to be returned to the present or future meeting of the Society that they may be filled up and issued by order of the Society on paying the expenses attending the same.

A letter from the Revd. James F. Armstrong, the Secretary, being read, resolved, that the reasons given for his non-attendance are satisfactory.

The Society adjourned and, attended by the companies of Grenadiers and Light Infantry, went in procession to the Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Aaron Ogden, the orator of the day, delivered an oration. At 12 o'clock the Society returned to their room, present as before, with Messrs. John N. Cumming, Dr. Burnet, William Tuthill and Jonathan Rhea, except the President and Mr. Aaron Ogden, who were absent.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Aaron Ogden for his excellent oration delivered this day, and he be desired to furnish the Society with a copy to be deposited in their archives.

Mr. John N. Cumming, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the charges alleged against Mr. John Polhemus reported, whereupon it was ordered that the said John Polhemus be struck off the lists as a member of this Society unless he show cause to the contrary at the next anniversary meeting of the Society, and that a copy of said report and this resolution be served by the Secretary on the said John Polhemus or left at the last place of his usual abode.

The Committee appointed to have printed the Institution and by-laws having done nothing, were discharged.

Resolved unanimously, that any amendments or alterations in the Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati which may be concurred in by the Representatives of seven State Societies in the next general meeting shall be obligatory upon and inviolably observed by the New Jersey State Society although not therein represented. Resolved, that the Secretary transmit the said Resolve, duly authenticated, to the Secretary-General and to the Delegates appointed by this Society to attend the next general meeting.

1796.

A letter from Mr. Elias Boudinot, a delegate to the last general meeting of the Society, was read. Resolved, that the reasons given for his non-attendance at this time were satisfactory.

Resolved unanimously, that the resolution of this Society entered into July 4th, 1793, which is in the following words, viz: "Resolved, that in future the members be recorded in the minutes, and called upon in the Society by their names with the appellation of Mr., any former rule to the contrary notwithstanding," be rescinded.

Resolved unanimously, that the reasons given by the Revd. Mr. Armstrong and Brigadier Genl. Bloomfield for not delivering an oration this day were satisfactory.

Resolved, that Genl. Bloomfield, Mr. Armstrong and Major Cox be a committee to compare the laws of the Society with the alterations that have been made in them by subsequent resolutions and make them conformable thereto, and that one hundred copies of the By-Laws as amended with a correct list of the members of this Society be printed for the use of the members.

Resolved, that the Standing Committee do not admit any claim for the renewal of a diploma unless the person applying for the same shall produce the one granted to him, or satisfy the Committee that the same is totally lost or destroyed.

1797.

Resolved, that the President do express to Major General Bloomfield the thanks of this meeting for his excellent oration and that the President request a copy to be deposited among the archives of this Society.

Mr. George Montgomery Ogden, eldest son of Brigadier General Matthias Ogden, deceased, and Mr. George Clinton Barber, eldest son of Col. Francis Barber, deceased, being present at this place; Resolved, that the President be requested to introduce them to the members of this Society and to invite them to dinner this day.

1798.

Resolved, that the President express to Dr. Armstrong the thanks of this meeting for his excellent oration and request a copy to be deposited among the archives of this Society.

The Committee appointed to compare the laws of the Society with the alterations, etc., having given satisfactory reasons for not proceeding in the business, were discharged.

Col. Ogden, Genl. Bloomfield and General Giles were appointed a Committee to compare a draft of an address to the President of the United States, expressive of our entire approbation of his firm and wise administration, and our unshaken resolution to support with our persons and property, every constitutional measure of our country; and to report it as soon as possible.

Two affidavits were read in the Society respecting certain conduct of Captain Nathaniel Leonard, which were ordered to be filed. Resolved, that the Secretary be ordered to furnish Captain Leonard with a copy of said affidavits and cite him to appear at the next meeting of the Society on the

4th of July, 1799 to answer. And that in the meantime Captain Leonard be suspended.

Resolved, that those members who have any blank diplomas in their hands signed by the President-General of the Society be requested to produce them at the next anniversary meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare an address to the President of the United States reported a draft; which, being considered and amended, was unanimously agreed to and adopted, and is as follows:

To JOHN ADAMS, President of the United States:

The members of the Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey this day convened at their annual meeting, for the purpose of perpetuating their friendships, and of commemorating together the great events which gave independence to the United States, do now beg leave in common with our fellow citizens to address our chief magistrate for the purpose of expressing our entire satisfaction with his administration of the government, and in particular as it relates to the injuries and insults which have been received from the French Republic, as also of making assurance of our readiness again to take the field in obedience to any call of our country, in vindication of its national honor, and in support of that independence, for the establishment of which we patiently endured the toils, hardships and dangers of an eight years war.

Whilst we contemplate another and perhaps more arduous struggle for the independence of our country, we are too sensible of its cost and value, not to be willing again and again to put our lives and all we hold dear on earth, at the hazard, and should our country, by reason of intestine divisions (which we trust are vainly counted upon) fail in asserting her national rights against the aggressions of that ambitious and haughty nation, which in pursuit of her objects, sets at defiance all laws human and divine, we shall consider that all our labors and victories past shall have been in vain, and that the independence which we are this day celebrating will, instead of being a blessing to us, only show our folly in assuming rights we had not the spirit to defend.

Under these solemn impressions we pray you Sir, to place the utmost reliance on the sincerity of our declaration, when we profess our readiness to offer on the altar of our country, whatever services may be derived from that knowledge and experience in military affairs, acquired by us during the revolutionary war, and which yet remain after the deaths of so many of our companions in arms; and we trust, Sir, that new and still more glorious victories are in store for us, when we shall have rallied at the voice of our country under that renowned veteran and beloved chief, who in times which tried men's souls, victoriously conducted us to peace and safety, and whose appointment, this day announced, fills our hearts with the most enthusiastic joy and transport.

By unanimous Order of the Society,

Attest: Elias Dayton, President.

Andrew Hunter, Secretary.

Trenton, July 4.

Resolved, that Governor Howell, General Beatty and Col. Rhea be a committee to publish in one or more of the newspapers in Philadelphia and in one in New Jersey, the proceedings of the 4th of July at Trenton.

1799.

The Secretary being absent, Captain Pennington was requested to act in his place.

A communication from the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina proposing sundry amendments to the constitution of the Society was read.

Likewise a communication from the Secretary-General of the Society, relative to the letter of the General Society of May, 1796, was read together with the letter to which it referred.

Resolved, that Captain Nathaniel Leonard be suspended from this Society until the 4th of July, 1802.

The letter and extract of the Journal of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina being read a second time, and this Society being of the opinion that to ensure uniformity the alterations proposed to be introduced into the original constitution, ought to be discussed in the General Society.

Resolved, therefore, that any amendments or alterations in the Institution of the Cincinnati Society which may be concurred in by the representatives of seven State Societies in the General Meeting, shall be obligatory upon, and inviolably observed by the New Jersey State Society, although they should not be represented therein.

Resolved, that the Secretary transmit the foregoing resolution to the President of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina.

The President reported that the Committee appointed for that purpose presented the address of this Society to the President of the United States and that the following answer was returned, viz:

TO the MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI in the State of New Jersey, Gentlemen:

I thank you for this address. It was impossible for you to assemble on the 4th of July for the purpose of perpetuating your friendships and commemorating together the great events, which gave independence to these United States, without feeling the deep impression of the present state of the nation and the interesting prospect before it.

The entire satisfaction of your Society with my administration of the Government, and in particular as it relates to the injuries and insults that have been received from the French Republic, is very dear to me; the assurance of your readiness again to take the field in obedience to the call of your Country, in vindication of its national honor, and in support of that sovereignty for the establishment of which you patiently endured the toils, hardships and dangers of an eight years war, is very satisfactory to me.

The duration and severity of that future struggle you have in contemplation, will depend in some measure upon the powers of Europe. If a combination should be formed, to arrest the progress of the most dangerous and destructive power that ever threatened the liberties of Europe, your exertions may be less distressing but if the principal remaining barrier to French tyranny should be broken down, America must prepare for a severer trial than she ever experienced. If Americans are capable of intestine divisions which can

assist such an enemy, in such a cause, all our past lives and labors have been in vain. I hope and believe better things of my countrymen, and place the utmost reliance on the sincerity of your declaration, when you offer on the altar of your country the services which may be derived from that knowledge and experience in military affairs acquired by you in the last war. May new and still more glorious victories if necessary for the rights of your country and mankind be still in store for you, under that renowned veteran and beloved chief, whose appointment could not fail to fill your hearts with the most enthusiastic joy and transport.

Philadelphia, July 6, 1798.

JOHN ADAMS.

Ordered, that Captain Kollock, General Seely, Lieut. Pennington and Major Ford be furnished with their respective diplomas.

Major Ford's diploma is not to be delivered until his original subscription to the Treasury be paid.

1800.

Resolved, that the President express to General Giles the thanks of this Society for his excellent oration and that he be requested to deposit a copy of the same among the archives of this Society.

The President laid before the Society the proceedings of the General Meeting of May, 1799, and of the adjourned general meeting of May, 1800, which being read,

Ordered, That the same be entered at large on the minutes of this Society.

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It was moved by Mr. Bingham and seconded by General Bloomfield,

That a respectful testimonial to the memory of *General* Washington be entered on the records of the General Society of the Cincinnati which was unanimously agreed to—and

Mr. Bingham, Major Pinckney and Genl. Dayton were appointed a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Bingham from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the following testimonial of respect to the memory of General Washington, which was twice read, unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be entered on the records of the Society as the first act of the present general meeting after its organization.

Under the most profound impression of veneration and affection, the Society of the Cincinnati, at a general meeting, are called upon to express the mournful tribute of their sorrow, at that awful dispensation of Providence, which has recently removed from their councils, their much revered and lamented President General.

The arduous, tho' successful struggle which terminated in establishing the liberties of our country, and in which they fought under his banners, and shared with him the dangers and toils of the field, attached him to the Society by ties of the most intimate and endearing nature. His valor and prudence

seemed to control the events of war, led the American armies to victory, and achieved the independence of their country. Whilst mingling their tears with those of their fellow citizens, they are naturally impelled to pour out the effusions of a deeper regret, for the irreparable loss which they have sustained.

But it is not only in their relationship to this illustrious character, as soldiers, that the Society of the Cincinnati have cause to deplore his loss.

When the storm of war had ceased to rage, and the blessings of peace had been restored, their country was suffering under the weakness of a confederation, which threatened the existence of that Union, which their joint efforts in arms had so essentially contributed to establish.

With his auspicious co-operation, a Constitution was formed, calculated by its wisdom and energy to redeem us from that prostrate state, to which we had been reduced, and to restore that representation which our country had lost, from the imbecility of the old system. The administration of the government was committed to his care, and his country will ever hold in grateful remembrance the inflexible virtue and fortitude, with which he conducted its affairs and saved from the effects of domestic faction and foreign intrigue.

After a second retirement from the active scenes of public life in which his merits as a Statesman, rivalled his fame as a soldier; his country at the approach of danger, again required his services. The crisis was important and the situation delicate; a nation which had mingled its blood with ours in the defence of our liberties, had now assumed a hostile appearance. A war from this unexpected quarter threatened the peace of our country.

WASHINGTON, who never hesitated when urged by a sense of duty, obeyed the call of the government. He again abandoned his beloved retirement, hazarded a reputation, consummate in every point of view, and assumed the command of the armies. His military companions who had frequently witnessed the magnanimity of his conduct in seasons of adversity as well as of triumph, felt the full force of their country's appeal to arms, whilst WASHINGTON was their leader.

In this momentous crisis of our affairs, by the inscrutable decrees of Heaven, he was snatched from America and the world.

Under this pressure of calamity, which more peculiarly operates upon the sensibilities of this Society, their only consolation is derived from the animating reflection, that although he is summoned to the enjoyment of the happy destinies of a future state, the bright example of his virtues and talents will still survive, and the inheritance of his name, prove a future incentive to heroes and legislators who will strive to emulate his fame, and merit the glory he has acquired.

Major Shute solicited the Standing Committee to order a diploma for him as he never received one. The Standing Committee reported in favor of the above solicitation.

1801.

It appearing to the Society that the rule directing the President to give public notification of the death of any member is not calculated to answer the good purpose intended; therefore Resolved, that such part of the standing rules of the Society as made it the duty of the President to cause a public notification to be made of the death of any of their members occurring under certain circumstances, be rescinded.

Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased friends and brethern, Col. Chilian Ford and Capt. Jonathan Phillips, the Society wear mourning for the usual time by a crape on the left arm.

Resolved unanimously, that General Bloomfield, Genl. Jonathan Dayton and Col. Ogden be a committee to prepare for the press and to cause to be published a handsome edition of one hundred and fifty copies of the Constitution of the General Society, the By-Laws of the State Society, the names of the several members with such additions as may appear to them proper, together with the testimonial to the memory of Genl. George Washington as communicated by the last general meeting, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses attending the same upon the order of any two of said Committee, approved by the President.

Resolved, that invitations to dine with the Society be hereafter confined to the public and principal officers of the General and State Governments, the clergy and members of other State Societies, and that they be made by or under the direction of the President only.

The Society withdrew to attend in the church for prayers and to hear the annual oration delivered by Genl. Beatty.

1802.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Resolved, That in honor of the memory of our deceased friends and brethren, the late Governor Richard Howell, Capt. William Barton and Capt. Absalom Martin, this Society wear crape on the left arm for thirty days.

The Society attended the delivery of the annual oration by the Rev. Mr. Hunter.

Resolved, that the following names, viz: Jeremiah Bruen, Major; Daniel Baldwin, Captain, and Abraham Kinney, Lieutenant, be stricken off the list of this Society as they have neglected to comply with an essential condition of becoming members of it unless they shall within six months satisfactorily show to the President or Vice-President that they have made the deposit of a month's pay with interest in the funds either of this or some other State Society.

1803.

The Society proceeded to the church to attend the delivery of the annual oration by Dr. Ebenezer Elmer.

The Society returned to the place of their meeting.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be given to Dr. Ebenezer Elmer for his excellent and well adapted oration delivered by him this day and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it to be deposited in the archives of the Society.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee appointed to prepare for the press and to cause to be published a handsome edition of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society were continued.

A motion was made and seconded, that Major Jeremiah Bruin, Captain Daniel Baldwin and Lieut. Abraham Kinney have permission until next meeting of this Society to pay or show they have paid the arrears due to the Treasury of this Society, and if not then paid or satisfaction given to this Society, that their names be stricken off the list of members of this Society and that they have notice of this order.

1804.

The Society ordered that mourning be worn for the death of two members, Genl. Frelinghuysen and Col. Hay, and then proceeded to the Presbyterian Church to render thanks to Almighty God for his public and private benefits, and to read the Declaration of Independence. The Society then returned to the Hotel of Scott and Herbert, the place of their meeting.

1805.

The resolution respecting Mr. Abraham Kinney and Mr. Jeremiah Bruen was continued and the former minutes respecting them are to be communicated.

The Society proceeded to the Presbyterian Church to render thanks to Almighty God for his public and private benefits and read the Declaration of Independence. The Society then returned to the hotel and dined.

1806.

In consequence of a letter received from Lieut. Abraham Kinney on the subject of his not having complied with the regulations of the Society, the resolution for striking his name off the list of the Society was continued till the next meeting.

The Society on taking into view the present state of its members reduced nearly to one-third of their original number who are in like manner subject to the common lot of humanity and desirous before our numbers are still more diminished to make more effectual and permanent provision for the securing of our funds and the faithful appropriation of them to the beneficent and charitable objects for which they were originally instituted, DO RESOLVE, that a committee be appointed to prepare and report at the next annual meeting a plan as well to secure the funds of the Society as the appropriation thereof, according to the object for which they were instituted. And RESOLVED, that Governor Bloomfield, Genl. Beatty and Col. Ogden be the said Committee.

Resolved, that no motion tending to dissolve this Society or to suspend its meetings or render them less frequent than annual be discussed and decided upon at the same meeting in which such motion was made.

Resolved, that the name of Major Jeremiah Bruen be stricken off the list of the Society.

1807.

The Society proceeded in procession to the Presbyterian Church where prayers and thanksgiving to Almighty God were made by the Rev. Mr. McDowell.

The Declaration of Independence was read by the Secretary, an oration delivered by the Honorable Judge Pennington and a number of appropriate hymns composed for the occasion were sung.

The Society returned to the hotel where they were to dine and proceeded to attend to the further business of their meeting.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be given to Judge Pennington for his oration, and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be kept among the archives of the Society.

Resolved, that every member of the Society be at liberty to invite to dine with this Society at their anniversary meetings, the person whom he expects to represent him after his decease, provided there be nothing improper in the character of the person to be introduced, of which the committee of arrangements shall judge.

1808.

The Vice-President announced the death of Major-General Dayton, the president of the Society, whereupon.

Resolved unanimously, that Genl. Cumming, Dr. Boudinot and Col. Ogden be a committee to draw up and report a respectful testimonial to the memory of Major-General Elias Dayton to be entered upon the records of this Society.

The Committee appointed to draw up and report a respectful testimonial to the memory of Major-General Elias Dayton made the following report which being read, was approved and adopted.

It having pleased the Supreme ruler of the Universe since our last anniversary, to call home our late worthy President, Major-General Elias Dayton, and in commemoration of his distinguished patriotism and his long and faithful services, the Society will wear mourning one month, and the orator for the next anniversary is requested to eulogize this character.

In behalf of the Committee,
July 4th, 1808.

J. N. CUMMING.

General Bloomfield made the following report :

In obedience to the order of the Society of July 4th, 1807, the subscriber has prepared and had printed 150 copies of 87 pages, containing

1. The Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, formed by the Convention of the American Army in 1783.
2. The institution as altered and amended at the first general meeting in 1784.
3. Extracts from the minutes of the New Jersey Society which refer to the Institutions.

4. Proceedings of the General Society of the Cincinnati at their several triennial and extra general meetings held at Philadelphia.

5. Bye-Laws and Rules of the New Jersey Society of the Cincinnati.

6. Report of the Standing Committee on the funds of the Society in July, 1807.

7. The names of the officers of the New Jersey line.

Two copies of this publication are delivered herewith, one in elegant and one in plain binding, with the receipts of the printer.

The subscriber submits to the correction and instructions of the Society a register of the names of the officers of the New Jersey line, killed, wounded and taken prisoners; a list of the members of this State Society and the offices they severally sustained since the peace in 1783; and also the form of a certificate or diploma to be printed and delivered with the publication to every member of the Society if approved. And this Society shall order a seal to be engraved for this purpose and for the general use of the Institution. The additional matter can be printed in the same type and will make a dozen or sixteen pages. In the binding no extra expense will be incurred.

Trenton, July 4, 1808.

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD.

Col. Ogden, Genl. Dayton and Major Wm. Shute were appointed a committee to consider the above report, and to lay the result before the Society.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, having duly examined and considered the report made by Governor Bloomfield to the Society at the present meeting, together with the book accompanying it, do unanimously recommend that the said book be approved so far as it extends, and that the plan of additions thereto, as suggested in the report be adopted, and that it be referred to the Governor to perfect and complete the same accordingly, and to have fifty copies bound agreeably to the best sample of binding which has been exhibited to the Society. The Committee take the liberty of reporting it also as their opinion that Governor Bloomfield is justly entitled to the thanks of the Society for the zeal, diligence and ability with which he has discharged the duties assigned to him in the compilation above alluded to.

Whereupon resolved unanimously, that the Society agree to the said report.

The Committee to whom were referred two circular letters addressed to the President of this Society subscribed by several gentlemen styling themselves committees on the part of the revolutionary officers residing at Pittsburgh and its vicinity and in the city of Philadelphia, on the subject of an application to Congress for remuneration of losses sustained by the commutation of half-pay, having made report thereon; Resolved, that whatever measure of justice and propriety there might be in making such an appeal to the magnanimity and liberality of our country, yet it is not expected for the Society, as such, to interfere in the premises.

In behalf of the Committee,

JAMES GILES.

The above report was agreed to and ordered to be communicated by the Secretary.

Ordered that the diploma of Capt. Faulkner be delivered to him free of expense.

The Society then went in procession to the Presbyterian Church where, after singing several anthems suitable to the day, and a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Waddell, an oration was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong. The Society then returned to the hotel where they were to dine and proceeded to the different parts of their business yet to be done.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the Reverend Mr. Armstrong for his appropriate oration and that he furnish a copy of it to be kept in the archives of the Society.

1809.

The Secretary of the Society being absent, General Beatty was requested to officiate as such, pro tempore.

The President announced the death of Lieut. John Ruecastle in July last. Mr. Alex. Ross, son of Major John Ross, in October last, and Lieut. Col. Jonathan Forman on May 25, 1809.

Whereupon Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased friends and brethern, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The President made the following report.

That he has procured a seal (of which a description is annexed) completed and herewith delivers with said seal fifty copies of the publication ordered by the Society, at their last meeting, elegantly bound in Morocco, with diplomas signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary for the several members; and also one hundred copies of the publication in sheets, subject to the directions of the Society.

July 4, 1809.

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD.

Seal of the New Jersey State Society of Cincinnati.

The principal figure CINCINNATUS.

The time, when his country no longer needed his exertions in arms.

His sword and shield ornamented with an eagle are thrown aside, to which he is pointing with one hand and with the other taking hold of the plough; intimating that he has given up his high military employments; become a private citizen and devoted himself to the pursuits of agriculture.

On a scroll above Cincinnatus is inscribed the "Reward of Virtue," *Virtutis Praemium*; ornamented with roses as emblematical of the beauty and fragrance of virtuous actions which like the fragrance of the rose, remains after death.

A fortified city and harbor with an ancient galley in view; distant mountains with a rising sun.

Which report was read and committed to Genl. Dayton, Col. Ogden and Capt. S. M. Shute to consider and report thereon.

Col. Abraham Kinney being present, made application to be restored to full standing as a member of the Society.

Whereupon ordered, that his case and representation be committed to Genl. Dayton, Col. Kollock and Capt. Sprowles to consider and report thereon.

The Society then went in procession to the Presbyterian Church escorted by the military and citizens of the place where, after prayer was made by the Revd. Mr. McDowell, and several anthems suitable to the occasion sung, an oration was delivered by Col. Ogden. The Society then returned and proceeded with the business of the meeting.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Col. Abraham Kinney have considered the matter referred to them and report thereon. That as it is evident that the applicant had been under an error in supposing that the transfer of his month's pay from the funds of Connecticut were indispensable to his admission to a membership in this Society, it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee; that further time (until next annual meeting) ought to be allowed Col. Kinney to obtain the evidence of his being a member of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati, or, of his having deposited a month's pay with the Agent or Treasurer.

Signed by order,

JONATHAN DAYTON.

Which report was agreed to.

The Committee to whom the President's report was committed made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the proper distribution of the Bound Books of the Constitution and Register of the Cincinnati left on hand, beg leave to report that in their opinion those impressed with the names of individual members on the back should be delivered accordingly upon due application; and that the residue, together with the unbound sheets be retained in the hands of the Secretary and that no copy whatever shall be delivered except those as above, unless by the express order of the Society, to be entered on the Minutes.

Which report was agreed to.

It was ordered that the book of the Constitution and Register destined for and impressed with the name of Edmund D. Thomas, be retained in the hands of the Secretary, until the further order of the Society.

Resolved, that the books of the Constitution and Register be transmitted by his excellency, the President of this Society, to the President of the General Society of the Cincinnati; and to each of the Presidents of the several State Societies that are known to be still existing for the use of their respective Societies.

Ordered, that the Secretary do transmit to Horatio Gates Phillips and Jacob Burnet, Esquires, members of this Society, a book each of the Constitution and Register, with their names impressed on the cover; they being resident in the State of Ohio, in which no Society of the Cincinnati is existing.

1810.

Col. Thomas Henderson made application to the Society by Capt. Sprowle for the book containing a certificate of his membership and the constitution of the Society, etc. Whereupon the Society agreed to grant his request and directed the Secretary to transmit the book.

On motion Resolved, that no oration either in whole or in part, heretofore delivered, or which shall hereafter be delivered by any member of the Society shall be published without the order of the Society, nor even then without the consent of the member, if living, who shall have delivered such oration.

The Society walked in procession, together with the citizens and military, to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day, the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the delivery of an oration by Dr. Boudinot, who had been previously appointed to that duty. After the duties of the church were ended, the Society returned in the order of procession to the place of their meeting and proceeded to business. On motion Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Doctor Boudinot, the venerable and much-respected orator of the day, for his oration, and that he be requested to give a copy to be placed in the archives of the Society.

On motion Resolved, that the members of this Society who have by order of the Society pronounced Anniversary orations, be requested to deliver to the Secretary as soon as possible, fair copies of their several orations, to be deposited in the archives of the Society and that the Secretary furnish every member whom it may concern with an attested copy of this resolution.

The President made the following report :

Since the last meeting the subscriber has transmitted printed copies of the Bound Books of the Constitution and Register of this Society, agreeably to order to the President of the General Society of the Cincinnati, and to the Presidents of the State Societies of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and South Carolina, being the Societies known to be still existing, for the use of their existing Societies.

That copies of the said Constitution and Register of this Society have been delivered to the members of the State Society of the Cincinnati, resident in New Jersey, whose names are printed in pages 114, 115, 116, 117 and 118 of said book, except to Edmund D. Thomas, Almarine Brooks, John Hopper, John Doughty, Seth Bowen, Jabez Campfield, Ebenezer Stockton, Thomas Henderson and Joseph Burnet.

That the subscriber delivered a copy to Horatio G. Phillips, and transmitted a copy to Jacob Burnet, Esq., members of this Society, resident in the State of Ohio.

July 4, 1810.

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD.

The Society requested the President to have one dozen copies of the printed Constitution and Register bound like those delivered and that copies be duly certified and delivered to Thomas Henderson, Jabez Campfield, Ebenezer Stockton, Almarine Brooks, Joseph Burnet, successor of Ichabod Burnet; Gilbert Barton, successor of William Barton; John Buck, successor of Joseph Buck, and David H. Brearley, successor of David Brearley. The name of the original member to be stamped on one of the covers of the respective copies.

1811.

The President laid before the Society the following report:

Copies of the Constitution, By-Laws and Register of this Society have been transmitted to Thomas Henderson, Jabez Campfield, Ebenezer Stockton, Almarine Brooks, Joseph Burnet, successor of Ichabod Burnet; Gilbert Barton, successor of Wm. Barton; John Buck, successor of Joseph Buck, and David H. Brearley, successor to David Brearley, conformably to the order of the Society made at the last anniversary meeting.

Of the 150 copies printed pursuant to the order of the Society, of 1808, Journals of the Society, page 149, 50 copies were bound according to the sample then exhibited and agreeably to the order of 1810, 20 copies more were bound, making copies..... 70

The four bound as samples in neat and plain binding and
two copies used in the report and proof sheets..... 6

76

So that there remains in sheets copies..... 74

150

of which the Society will direct the disposal.

There remains in the Cincinnati box the copies signed in the names of John Doughty and Edmond Thomas. No books have been prepared for John Hopper or Seth Bowen. There are twelve bound copies not stamped with any name, in the office of the subscriber, together with the said 74 copies in sheets.

It is submitted to the consideration of the Society the propriety of one of the bound copies being deposited in the library of the Congress of the United States, and a copy being presented to the Secretary of the Department of War, for the use of the Department.

July 4, 1811.

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they together with the Corporation and Citizens of the place, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day, where, after a prayer and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration was delivered by Genl. Cumming, who had been previously appointed to that duty. The exercises of the church being ended the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting when, after exchanging congratulations with their fellow-citizens on the occasion of their meeting, they proceeded to business.

The report of the President relative to the disposition of the remaining books and unbound sheets of the printed Constitution and Register was read a second time and it was Resolved, that the whole remaining impressions as well unbound as bound, be placed in the hands of the Secretary to be by him carefully preserved, to the further order of the Society.

1812.

The Vice-President announced the death of Capt. Jacob Hyer and Mr. Gilbert Barton, two of its members, whereupon Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brethern, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

Doctor Boudinot on behalf of the Committee of Delegation to the General Society of the Cincinnati made the following report and laid before the Society the proceedings of the General Society of July and August, 1811, together with a circular letter addressed to the several State Societies which, being read and approved, ordered that the same be entered at large on the minutes of this Society and which are as follows, viz:

The Committee of Delegates to the General Society of the Cincinnati beg leave to report:

That they duly attended the meeting of the General Society held at Philadelphia on the seventh day of August last past, where the President General presided and delegates from four States duly attended; they spent five days in this service; after going through the usual business the Society agreed to a circular letter to be addressed to each State Society in the Union urging a more punctual attendance on the General Society and remonstrating against any appropriation of the funds of any State Society to any other purpose than that directed by the original institution.

The circular letter was forwarded to the Governor as our President and is annexed hereto together with a copy of the proceedings of the General Society.

Your Committee under a high sense of the excellent character of our President-General thought proper to present to him for his own private use a copy of the Constitution and Register which he accepted in the most grateful manner.

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The President-General reported to the General Society.

That the diamond insignia of the order of the Cincinnati which has been presented by the Marine Officers of France, who were members of the Society to his Excellency, Genl. Washington, and by the heirs of the General had been sent to Genl. Hamilton, was delivered to him (Genl. Pinckney) by Mrs. Hamilton, and as he had conceived that this testimonial of respect for the immortal Washington which his heirs had delivered to Genl. Hamilton, and Mrs. Hamilton had been pleased to confide to him as President-General of the Society, ought, in respectful remembrance of her flattering distinction, to be hereafter considered as appurtenant to the office of President General, he requested that this memorandum might be inserted on the records of the General Society.

Whereupon it was unanimously Resolved, that the respectful and affectionate thanks of the General Society of the Cincinnati, be presented to Mrs. Hamilton for this highly acceptable present and that the wish of the President General, expressed in his memorandum, is respectfully acceded to by the Society.

It was moved by Dr. Boudinot, seconded by Genl. Beatty, that a Com-

mittee of three members be appointed to ascertain the present situation of the several State Societies and to make report to the General Society.

Friday, August 9, 1811.

The following report was read and unanimously agreed to, and it was ordered, that the circular letter be signed by the President and Secretary-General in behalf of the delegates.

In obedience to the resolve of the General Society which instructs your Committee to ascertain the present situation of the several state Societies of the Cincinnati, your Committee beg leave to report :

That as far as their limited enquiry extends, it appears on the information of some of its members, that a portion of the members of the State Society of the Cincinnati of Delaware have dissolved that Society and distributed its funds. And on less authenticated information it would also seem that portions of the members of the Connecticut and Virginia State Societies of the Cincinnati have also dissolved their Societies and diverted their funds from the purposes to which they were originally pledged. And that the other State Societies of the Cincinnati continue under the original Constitution as agreed on by the officers of the American army on the banks of the Hudson, in the year 1783.

Your Committee beg leave further to report that under a consideration of these circumstances they think it advisable to address a letter from the General Society of the Cincinnati to the respective State Societies; the following draught of which they respectfully submit.

ELIAS BOUDINOT,

Chairman of the Committee and in their behalf.

And the following resolve was unanimously agreed to :

Resolved, that a certificate under the signature of the President General ceding letter to the Presidents of the respective State Societies or to such member thereof as will cause it to be laid before the said Societies, requesting at the same time that such information relative to the funds, members and officers of the said Societies as can be conveniently furnished, may be forwarded to the Secretary General.

Resolved, that a certificate under the signature of the President General and countersigned by the Secretary-General, be issued to the Chevalier de Segoud that he was regularly admitted a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. This certificate being granted to replace his diploma which has been lost.

Adjourned to meet at Philadelphia on the second Tuesday of September, 1812.

Extract from the records,

W. JACKSON, Secretary-General.

A copy of the circular letter mentioned in the above report addressed To the New Jersey State Society of the Cincinnati.

Urged by all the considerations which an endeared remembrance of the causes that led to the organization of the Society of the Cincinnati can suggest, and under an ardent wish to perpetuate the benevolent objects for which it was instituted, the delegates to the General Society now convened at Philadelphia, have resolved without reserve to communicate the sentiments with which they are deeply impressed to the several State Societies.

It is with extreme regret they state that the apprehension heretofore entertained and often expressed that the neglect on the part of several State Societies to appoint delegates to the General Society would be productive of the most serious consequence, is alarmingly realized by the inconsiderate act of a portion of the members of one or more State Societies in dissolving their official connection as members of the Cincinnati and in distributing those funds which had long ceased to be individual property or liable to any but their original appropriation. An act such as this must evidently involve a departure from the solemn engagement entered into on the banks of the Hudson to perpetuate the institution and to preserve unalienated and unimpaired those funds which had been sacredly devoted to the relief of distressed members and their families. That this deeply regretted cessation of intercourse between the General and State Societies has been the influential cause of these errors is our most serious conviction; and that the best corrective of these unconstitutional proceedings will be found in the immediate renewal of that endeared intercourse, no one who indulges the recollection of the scenes that passed in the service of our beloved country, can for a moment hesitate to believe.

It is therefore most earnestly recommended to the several State Societies that they would not only appoint delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Society, which will be held at Philadelphia on the second Tuesday of September, 1812, but that they would enjoin their punctual attendance as the most efficient means of restoring that harmony which ought forever to subsist between men who, as faithful comrades in honor and misfortune, most anxiously desire by the continuance of this Society, to transmit a grateful remembrance of their union and of those services by which the national claim to sovereignty and independence was established.

Done in General Society of the Cincinnati at Philadelphia, August 9, 1811.

1813.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Vice-President announced the death of General Helms, one of its members. Whereupon Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brother, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

General Giles, on behalf of the Committee of Delegates to the General Society of the Cincinnati, made report, which was read and approved.

On motion it was Ordered, that the gentlemen who attended as delegates to the General Society be paid by the Treasurer the usual allowance.

The Military, attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they, together with the Corporation and Citizens of the place walked in procession

to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day where after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. McDowell and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration was delivered by Genl. Dayton, who had been previously appointed to that duty.

The Society went in procession to the Presbyterian Church attended by the Military and Citizens of the place to attend the exercises appointed for the day, which after prayer and reading the Declaration of Independence an oration was delivered by Genl. Elmer.

Resolved, that the Treasurer be directed to procure a standard for use of this Society of such device as to him shall appear suitable, and that he be authorized to defray the expense thereof out of any money in his hands arising from interest on the money of this Society.

The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting when, after exchanging congratulations with their Fellow Citizens on the occasion of their meeting, they proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to General Jonathan Dayton, for his appropriate oration and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be lodged in the archives of this Society.

On motion Resolved, that Genl. Beatty and Genl. Rhea be a committee with the Treasurer to procure a standard for the use of the Society.

Resolved, that Governor Ogden, Genl. Dayton and the Secretary be a committee to collect the original diplomas and place them with the Secretary to be by him preserved to the further order of the Society.

1814.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day where after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. Armstrong and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration was delivered by General Giles, who had been previously appointed to that duty.

The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting when, after exchanging congratulations with their fellow citizens on the occasion of their meeting, they proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to General Giles for his very appropriate oration and that he be requested to deliver the same to the Secretary, in order that it may be placed among the archives.

Genl. Beatty, Genl. Rhea, and the Treasurer, having procured and submitted to the Society a standard agreeably to the resolution of the last meeting,

Resolved, that the Society do approve and accept of the same, and that the thanks of the Society be presented to the said Committee for the manner in which they have executed their Commission.

Resolved, that the Standard of this Society be committed to the special charge of the Secretary and that he cause the same to be at Trenton and Eliz-

abeth Town alternately at each anniversary meeting, respectively, and the Treasurer pay the expenses of such removals.

Genl. Ogden, from the Committee who were appointed to collect the original diplomas and to place them with the Secretary, to be by him preserved to the further order of the Society, reported that they had complied with this order and placed in the hands of the Secretary, sixty-one diplomas, of which there are Twenty-Seven Diplomas signed, Thirty-One unsigned, and three filled up; one to Capt. John Holmes, another to Captain Jacob Piatt and the third to Captain Daniel Baldwin.

Resolved, that the same be deposited for safe keeping with the Cashier of the State Bank at Elizabeth, and that no diploma be delivered by him except to the Secretary upon a special order of this Society, signed by the President.

Resolved, that the Secretary procure and deliver to Genl. Ogden, a blank diploma, upon his delivering to the Secretary the diploma by him heretofore received unfilled up.

1815.

The President announced the death of Genl. Jonathan Rhea, a member of this Society, whereupon

Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brother, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Secretary made report that, agreeably to an order of this Society made at the last meeting, he has deposited with the Cashier of the State Bank of Elizabeth, the original diplomas mentioned in the said order and taken his receipt for the same.

And that agreeably to a like order he has delivered to Col. Ogden a blank diploma and received from him the original diploma heretofore delivered unfilled up.

Doctor Samuel M. Shute, a member of this Society, residing in Bridge-ton, Cumberland County, by letter to Genl. Cumming, made an apology for his not attending the Society owing to bad health.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they, together with the Corporation and Citizens of the place walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises of the day which, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. McDowell and the reading of the Declaration of Independence and several anthems suitable to the occasion sung, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their meeting and proceeded to business.

The orator appointed for this day not attending, by which the Society have been deprived of the benefit of an oration on this auspicious occasion, General Beatty, appointed the substitute, was called upon to know if he had prepared accordingly, he informed the Society that he had not received any notice that the orator would not be prepared with an oration agreeably to his appointment, such notice having been sent to Genl. Ogden by mistake.

Major Cox by letter apologized for his non-attendance on account of the illness of his daughter.

Shepard Kollock, Esq., one of the members of right of this Society, having stated that he has not hitherto received a diploma, and having applied that one be filled up and delivered to him, and it further appearing that he had paid his quota of the arrears due the Society, it is recommended agreeable to one of our standing rules that his request be granted accordingly.

General Beatty reported that the copies of the Constitution of the Society in unbound sheets were placed in his hands by General Rhea and remain with him.

Resolved, that the same be delivered to the Secretary of the Society.

1816.

The President announced the death of the following members, viz. : Revd. Mr. Armstrong, Major Richard Cox, Capt. Bowen, and Capt. Baldwin.

Resolved, That in honor of the memory of our deceased brethern, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercise appointed for the day, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. Brown, the reading of the Declaration of Independence and several anthems suitable to the occasion sung, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their meeting.

Genl. Beatty made a satisfactory excuse for not delivering the oration this day.

1817.

The President announced the death of the following members, viz: Major Samuel W. Shute, Captain Anthony Reckless, and Captain Edmund D. Thomas and Richard S. Rhea.

Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brethern, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. McDowell, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration was delivered by William Halsted, Esqr.

The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting and proceeded to business.

The President laid before the Society a communication from the Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania, with papers from No. 1 to 7, inclusive, relating to the claim of the officers of the Revolutionary army for an equitable settlement by Congress of half pay for life.

Whereupon the Society Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to correspond with the Committee of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of Pennsylvania, or other committees appointed for the purpose of advocating the claims above mentioned, and that one at the least of the said Com-

mittee be requested to attend the next meeting of Congress for that object, at the expense of this Society. And that Genl. John N. Cumming, John Beatty and Col. Aaron Ogden be the Committee.

Resolved, that General Beatty and Col. E. Beatty be a Committee to report at the next meeting such measures as would insure a more punctual attendance of the members at the anniversary meetings of the Society.

1818.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day, when, after prayer and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an address was delivered by the Revd. Mr. Samuel How.

The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting and proceeded to business.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to report such measures as would insure a more punctual attendance of the members at the anniversary meetings of this Society, made report that, in their opinion, several of its members are not in a situation to bear the expenses of such attendance, consistent with the duties they owe to their families, and therefore recommend, that there be an allowance of \$10 made to each member whose place of residence is more than 17 miles from the place of meeting of the Society in lieu of traveling expenses and that the Treasurer on their application be authorized and directed to pay the same out of any unappropriated monies in his hands.

Application having been made in behalf of Captain Jacob Piatt, an original member, for the Book of Constitution and Register, together with his diploma, Resolved, that the said diploma and Book of Constitution and Register be delivered to the President, to be transmitted to him by the first convenient opportunity.

Resolved, that the exposition of the seal of this Society as prepared by General Bloomfield and printed, be distributed, one copy to each member, to be inserted in his book of the Institution in the page next following the certificate of membership, and that the Treasurer do pay \$2.50 for the expenses thereof to General Bloomfield, who is requested to accept the thanks of the Society for this renewed instance of his attention to its concerns.

The President having laid before the Society a communication from William Jackson, of Philadelphia, accompanied by certain resolutions of the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati,

Resolved, unanimously, that this Society do accord with the sense of the meeting above mentioned and as above expressed, that the surviving officers of the Revolutionary Army here present, who are embraced in the said resolves of Congress, do approve of the appointment of the Solicitor above named and they do hereby instruct him to act for them accordingly, and further, that the Secretary of this Society do transmit under its seal to Major Jackson, a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, that Col. Ogden be a committee to correspond with Major Jackson on the subject of the above resolution.

1819.

The President announced the death of Col. Wessel T. Stout, a member of this Society, whereupon resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brother, the Society will wear mourning by crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day, when after a prayer by the Revd. Dr. McDowell, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration was delivered by Oliver S. Halstead, Esq.

Resolved, that the resolution entered into at the last meeting so far as respects the authority or instruction given to Major William Jackson to act for them as solicitor, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that it be the duty of the Secretary to transmit a copy of the above resolution under seal to Major Jackson.

Application having been made by Mr. William Hyer for the Book of Constitution and Register, Resolved, that a Certificate with the Register be delivered to him by the Secretary, in the right of his deceased brother, Jacob Hyer, an original member.

1820.

The President announced the death of Moses Sprowle, a member of this Society, whereupon

Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brother, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Military attending, the Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day. When, after prayer by the Revd. Mr. How and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration was delivered by William Halstead, Esqr.

The exercises at the church being ended, the Society proceeded in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to William Halsted, Esq., for the handsome notice taken by him of this Society in his address to them, in his very excellent and interesting oration of this day, and that he be requested to favor the Society with his company at dinner.

Applications having been made to the Committee by Enoch Shute for a renewal of a diploma of his brother, the late Capt. Samuel M. Shute, in consequence of the original being in a highly mutilated state, which was produced to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee recommend that a new diploma, similar to the former, be filled up and delivered to the said Enoch Shute. (Handed the original diploma to Genl. Bloomfield, who engaged to make one agreeably to this resolution from a blank diploma in his possession—G. C. B.).

It having been represented that the book of Bye-Laws and Constitution of this Society, which had been delivered to Mr. Anthony Reckless, the original member, has been lost or mislaid. It is Ordered, that a book be issued to the present member, Mr. Joseph W. Reckless in the name of the original member, under an assurance to return the latter book, if the first shall be found, and that the President specify in the book that it is a duplicate. (Delivered the book with a copy of this minute to Genl. Bloomfield September 11, 1821, and delivered book to Mr. Reckless. G. C. B.).

Resolved, that the unbound books of the By-Laws and Rules of this Society now in the hands of Genl. John Beatty be delivered over to the Secretary, to be by him preserved to the further order of the Society.

Resolved, that the Secretary deliver to the President a copy of the Bye-Laws and Rules of this Society, bound in red Morocco, to be deposited by the President in the Office of the Department of War. Delivered book to Genl. Bloomfield.)

Resolved, that it become an order that a Special Committee previous to each anniversary, do select some suitable person to deliver a discourse before the Society as well for the purpose of inculcating those principles which form its basis, as of tracing the causes which led to the American Revolution, and which attended and preceded that vast event, and showing the influence which it has had and probably will have on the morals, religion and politics of the Society in general, together with such other matters as to him may seem pertinent and proper, and that due compensation be made from the funds of the Society for such services, and for the next anniversary that Genl. Cumming and Col. Ogden be a committee to carry this into effect.

1821.

The President announced the death of the following members: Dr. Jabez Campfield and David Higbee Brearley.

Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brethern, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church, to attend the exercises appointed for the day, where, after a prayer by the Revd. Dr. McDowell and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Revd. Dr. Hunter, an oration was delivered by Dr. Ebenezer Elmer, who had been appointed to that duty. The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Genl. Elmer for his very appropriate oration, and that he be requested to deliver the same to the Secretary in order that it may be placed among the archives.

Application having been made by Abraham Stout through Col. Ira Stout, his brother, for a renewal of a diploma which has been destroyed, the Committee recommend that a new diploma similar to the former be filled up and delivered to his brother, Col. Ira Stout, to be forwarded by him.

Genl. Beatty made the following report :

Whereas, it is declared to be one great and leading object in the formation of this Society to keep alive and render permanent that cordial affection which commenced under the pressure of danger, and which cemented the officers together at the dissolution of the Army, and whereas, from the scattered and remote situation of the few now surviving members of this Band of Brothers, little or no opportunity is afforded in the common intercourse of life of cherishing and perpetuating those mutual endearing ties of friendship, by an interchange of those sentiments of early attachment and esteem. It has become highly desirable for this purpose that a full and general meeting of the members be had, at least on each Anniversary. And as it is found that the interest arising out of the funds of this Society are more than are annually disbursed in acts of beneficence, in order, therefore, to assist those members who cannot conveniently spare the means of traveling a distance, and to animate all to attend; Resolved, that in future each attending member shall be entitled to receive of the Treasurer the sum of one-fifth of a dollar for every mile he shall have traveled (by the most direct route) from his place of residence to the place of meeting of the Society in each year. Provided, nevertheless, and it is hereby expressly declared, that the accustomed charities and such others, as may be dictated by a spirit of brotherly kindness towards those officers and their families, who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving them, be first provided for; and provided also, that this disbursement for traveling expenses shall in no one year exceed the sum of two hundred dollars. Which report being read, was approved.

The President announced the decease on the 6th instant of Genl. John Noble Cumming, late Vice-President of the Society. Whereupon Resolved, that the members of this Society wear crape on the left arm for thirty days.

1822.

The President announced the death of Dr. Lewis Dunham and Dr. Elias Boudinot.

Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brethren, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Military attending, the Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church, to attend the exercises appointed for the day, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. Armstrong and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration was delivered by Genl. Elmer.

The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Genl. Elmer for his very appropriate oration and that he be requested to deliver the same to the Secretary, that it may be placed among the archives.

Resolved, that the blank diplomas now deposited in the State Bank of Elizabeth, together with the unbound books of Bye-Laws and Rules of the Society of the Cincinnati of this State, be deposited in the Bank of Trenton,

where the public stock or funds of the Society remain and that the Secretary cause this resolution to be carried into effect.

Resolved, that so much of the order of this Society made on the 4th of July, 1820, directing a Committee to select some suitable person to deliver a discourse before the Society so far, only, as the same resolution authorizes that due compensation be made from the funds of the Society for such services be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

1823.

The President announced the death of Genl. Ercuries Beatty, late Treasurer of this Society and the Revd. Andrew Hunter. Whereupon Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased friends and brethern, the usual badge of mourning by a crape round the left arm be worn by the members for the space of thirty days.

The Military attending for the purpose of escorting the Society, they, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the First Presbyterian Church where, after a prayer by the Revd. Dr. McDowell and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Secretary, an oration was delivered by Major Peter Kean, who had been selected for that purpose.

The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting and proceeded to business.

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Society be given to Major Kean for the very eloquent and truly patriotic oration publicly delivered by him this day in the presence of a very large and respectable assembly of the public authorities, Citizens and Military of this Borough and its vicinity, convened on an occasion so deeply interesting to the whole American people.

Resolved, that the very pathetic and affecting elogium bestowed by him in his address upon the surviving members, and in an especial manner upon our departed brethern of the Cincinnati, be held in most grateful remembrance by the Society, and that our just sense thereof be manifested by the entry of these resolutions upon our Journals, and by requesting the President to cause a copy thereof, under his signature, to be addressed or delivered to Major Kean by the Secretary, accompanied with a request that he would furnish a copy of the same to be deposited in the archives of the Society.

Applications having been made by Captain Cyrus DeHart, Major James Heard and Theophilus M. Elmer for each a copy of The Constitution and Bye-Laws of this Society; Resolved, that they be delivered to them by the Secretary. (Books delivered).

Resolved, that in future the Secretary be authorized on application made to him, to deliver to such members as may apply, a copy of the Constitution and Bye Laws of this Society, provided he shall be satisfied that a copy has not before been delivered to the applicant, or to any person through whom he derived his right to membership.

The Secretary reported: that, pursuant to the order of the Society, passed at the last meeting, he obtained from the cashier of the State Bank at Elizabeth, the blank diplomas which had been deposited there for safe keeping,

and transmitted them to Genl. Beatty, by whom he is informed that they were received and deposited by him in the Trenton Bank. And that the unbound books of the Constitution, Bye-Laws and Register of this Society be left at Trenton with Col. Beatty, which Genl. Beatty also acknowledges to have received and deposited agreeably to the order of the Society.

Genl. Bloomfield informed the Society that he has transmitted to Isaac Cox Barnet, a diploma in the name of William Barnet and also a copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the Society, and that Isaac Cox Barnet has remitted the amount required by the resolution of the 4th of July, 1822, and which he is ready to pay to the Treasurer.

1824.

The Society having been deprived by death of its President and Vice-President, General Elmer was appointed Chairman, and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brethren, viz: General Joseph Bloomfield, late President of the Society; Jeremiah Ballard, Esq., late Vice-President; Major Almarine Brooks; Captain Samuel Hendry, and Dr. Oliver H. Spencer, the Society wear mourning by crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Military attending, the Society, together with the citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day, when, after a prayer by the Rev. Mr. W. Filer and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Robert L. Armstrong, Esq., an oration was delivered by the Rev. Symes C. Henry, who had been selected for that purpose.

The exercises at the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of the Society be given to the Revd. Symes C. Henry for the very eloquent and truly appropriate address publicly delivered by him before the Society this day, and that he be respectfully requested to deliver a copy thereof to the Secretary to be preserved in the archives of the Society.

Resolved, that whenever a member of this Society removes from this State to another in which a State Society exists, he shall be considered in all respects as belonging to the Society of the State in which he shall actually reside.

Resolved unanimously, that while this Society are commemorating on this National Jubilee, those vast events by which, under the pleasure of the Supreme Governor of the universe, the freedom, independence and sovereignty of these United States were achieved and established, and are contemplating with delight and astonishment the present and future greatness and dignity of these growing and rising republics, confederated by indissoluble bonds into one great Empire, they hold in lively and grateful remembrance the zeal and services of their illustrious companion in arms, Major-General Lafayette, and do Resolve, that there shall be a Special Meeting of the Society at such time and place as to the following Committee, viz: General Dayton, General Beatty and Honorable William S. Pennington, may seem most appropriate, in order that

on the arrival of this adopted son of Washington in this favored land, the Society in one body may bid him hail and welcome to the hearts of freemen, and present to him some suitable testimonial of their profound veneration and most cordial affection of their highest respect for his private virtues as a citizen, his public character as a patriot and soldier, and as the firm and tried friend of those exalted rights and liberties of human nature, to maintain which, in the arduous revolutionary struggle, he most generously and most nobly fought and bled.

Ordered, that in calculating the mileage of members for attending the Society, no allowance is to be made for traveling beyond the limits of the State, agreeably to the existing rule on that subject.

* Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the President for convening the members at this place, for the purpose of meeting General Lafayette, their friend and compatriot.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an address, to be delivered to General Lafayette upon his meeting this Society, and that the President, General Giles and General Beatty be the Committee.

1825.

The President announced the death of the following members, viz: General Jonathan Dayton and Captain James Anderson. Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brethren, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church, to attend the exercises appointed for the day, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. Sargent and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an address was delivered by the Revd. Dr. Rudd. The exercises being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their sitting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to the Revd. Dr. Rudd, for the truly appropriate address publicly delivered by him before the Society this day, and that he be respectfully requested to deliver a copy thereof to the Secretary, to be preserved among the archives of the Society.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to call upon the administrators to the estate of Genl. Jonathan Dayton, and respectfully to request of them, the diplomas belonging to this Society, which were in his possession at the time of his death and that Genl. Elmer and Genl. Beatty be the Committee.

1826.

The President announced the death of the following members, to wit: Genl. Giles, Col. Ephraim L. Whitlock, Genl. John Heard and Genl. John Beatty, late Treasurer of this Society.

Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brethren, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

*Minutes passed at special meeting of the Society called at Trenton, Sept. 25, 1824, W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.

Resolved, that a Committee of three persons be appointed to receive and open the Treasurer's trunk and that Col. Kinney, William Hyer and Joseph W. Scott be the Committee.

The said Committee made the report as follows, viz :

1 Roll Diplomas, 25 in number.

1 Roll Diplomas, 33 in number.

20 Copies of Red Book.

20 Copies of Red Book.

18 Copies of Red Book.

20 Copies of Red Book.

Certificate of 6 per cent. stock of the United States, No. 2,651, for \$10,000.

1 Book of Treasurers' accounts, posted.

1 Book of Treasurers' accounts, not posted.

Sundry accounts, vouchers and documents, abstracts of which are entered in the books. Another bundle of the same. Which report was accepted.

The Military attending, the Society together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church, to attend the exercises appointed for the day, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. Smith, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by J. W. Scott, Esqr., an oration was delivered by Robt. L. Armstrong, Esqr., who had been previously appointed for that purpose.

The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of their meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Robert L. Armstrong, Esqr., for the eloquent and very appropriate oration and that he be requested to deliver a copy of the same to the Secretary, that it may be placed among the archives.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to continue the record of the Book of By-Laws and Rules of this State Society, by stating the deaths, removals and admission of members up to the present time, and that Joseph Ellis Bloomfield and the Secretary be a Committee for that purpose.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to attend the General Society of the Cincinnati at Philadelphia made a verbal communication; ordered, that they be continued and report thereon at the next meeting.

The Committee appointed on a Communication from a Committee of the surviving Revolutionary officers of the State of Massachusetts, which was laid before the Society at the last meeting, made a report in writing by way of letter (accompanied with a statement of the case of the surviving officers of the Revolution, who continued in service to the end of the war).

Which, being read, was approved, and on motion Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be given to the said Committee, and that the said Committee be continued.

1827.

The President announced the death of the Hon. William S. Pennington, a member of this Society.

Resolved, that in memory of our deceased brother, this Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the First Presbyterian Church, when, after prayer by the Revd. Dr. McDowell, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Revd. P. C. Hay, an oration was delivered by Col. Joseph W. Scott, who had been previously appointed by the Society.

The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Col. J. W. Scott for his eloquent and very appropriate oration and that he be requested to deliver a copy to the Secretary that it may be placed among the archives.

The Standing Committee beg leave to suggest to the Society the propriety of altering the First Section of the Bye-Laws by striking out of the said Section, the word "Elizabeth Town," and inserting in place thereof "Newark or New Brunswick."

The Society ordered, that the consideration thereof be postponed to the next annual meeting.

* Resolved, that any original member of this State Society or any person admitted in the place of an original member, resident out of this State, be entitled to a seat as member of this Society in all respects, excepting as is excepted in the report of the Standing Committee of this day.

The Committee appointed to bring up the record of the Book of Bye-Laws and Rules of this State Society, etc., made report in writing which, being read, was approved and ordered to be filed.

Mr. Joseph Elias Bloomfield presented a copy of the Book of Bye-Laws and Rules of this Society, which had been kept by his uncle, General Bloomfield, whilst President of the Society, and in which he had noted the deaths, removals, and admissions of members to the time of his death.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Mr. Joseph E. Bloomfield for his very valuable present, and that it be safely kept by the Secretary among the archives of this Society.

The Committee appointed to attend the General Society of the Cincinnati at Philadelphia on November 1, 1825, made report, accompanied by a certified copy of the proceedings of the delegates from the several State Societies of the Cincinnati convened in General Society of November 1, 1825, which was approved and the said proceedings ordered to be filed.

Resolved, that this Society do agree to the alteration thereby recommended in the Constitution of the General Society, which alteration is as follows:

1st. That whenever a vacancy shall happen in regard to any of the officers of the General Society, it shall be the duty of the Secretary-General or (in case it should have happened as to him) of the Assistant Secretary-General, to give notice accordingly to the president of each State Society, whose duty it shall be at their next Anniversary Meeting to ballot for some

*This relates to post paying mileage out of the State. W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.

suitable person to supply such vacancy whose name shall be transmitted to such Secretary or Assistant Secretary-General as the case may be, who shall thereupon count up the votes, and the person who shall have a plurality of votes, shall succeed to such vacancy, and in case of an equality of votes, the one of them who may be senior in age, shall be the successor.

2d. It shall be the duty of the officers of the General Society to meet at the City of Philadelphia on the 1st Monday in May, at least once in every three years, according to their own appointment or a notice from the President-General, and they or as many as shall convene, shall be a board, under such rules as they may prescribe, to transact such business as might be transacted at a meeting of the General Society, and to call such General Meetings as often as the exigencies of the Society may seem to require.

(Amendments to Constitution, General Society.)

Col. Ogden, from the Committee on the claims of the surviving officers of the Revolution, made a communication to the Society thereon, which was approved and ordered to be filed.

Resolved, that diplomas be issued to the following persons in right of their respective Fathers, viz :

Joseph W. Scott, Esqr., Robt. L. Armstrong, Esqr., Major John J. Plume, in the right of his uncle, Dr. Garret Van Wagenen, and to William Shute.

Ordered, that the Standing Committee meet to transact the business of the Society, on the evening previous to its anniversary meeting.

1828.

The Society proceeded to appoint an Orderly Sergeant, when Albert Voorhies, Sergeant of the Revolution, was appointed orderly for this Society.

The Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church, when, after prayer by the Revd. Luther Halsey, Jr., and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a very eloquent and appropriate oration was delivered by the Revd. P. C. Hay, who had been previously appointed by the Society. The exercises of the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Revd. P. C. Hay, for his eloquent and very appropriate oration, and that he be requested to deliver a copy to the Secretary, that it may be placed among the archives.

Resolved, that the Society of Cincinnati agree to abstain from the use of ardent spirits at dinner on this day.

Resolved, that whenever William Shute, an original member of this Society, residing out of the State, shall attend a meeting of the Society, he shall be entitled to receive mileage not exceeding Twenty dollars.

The Society then proceeded with the business postponed from last annual meeting relative to the alteration of the 1st Section of the Bye-Laws; on a vote being taken, it was decided in the negative.

1829.

The President announced the death of George Clinton Barber, Esq., late

Secretary of this Society, whereupon it was Resolved, that in memory of our deceased brother this Society will wear the usual mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

Major Plume, of the Committee appointed to procure the binding of 18 copies of the Red Book of the Constitution, Bye-Laws and Rules, bound in the uniform manner in which the others have been bound, reported that they had performed that service, and presented the books accordingly. The following members present received each a copy, viz: Rev. P. C. Hay, Major J. J. Plume, Col. J. W. Scott, Theodore Frelinghuysen, Esqr., Genl. G. D. Wall and Charles Ewing, Esqr., and one placed in the hands of Major Kinney for Dr. Lewis Condict.

Letters from the Hon. Lewis Condict and Charles Ewing, Esqr., appointed Honorary Members at the last meeting were read and ordered to be filed.

The Society, together with the Citizens, accompanied by a very handsome military escort, walked in procession to the First Presbyterian Church, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Dr. McDowell and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Revd. P. C. Hay, a very eloquent and appropriate oration was delivered by Theo. Frelinghuysen, Esq., who had been previously appointed by the Society. The exercises in the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the house of E. Nor, place of meeting, being a very stormy day, and proceeded to business.

On motion Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Theo. Frelinghuysen, Esqr., for his eloquent and very appropriate oration, and that he be requested to deliver a copy to the Secretary, that it may be placed among the archives.

The Committee report to the Society that of the sum paid at the last meeting for the expenses of the Society, the sum of Twenty-four dollars, eighty-seven and half cents, was improperly charged and paid for the tavern bills of certain of the members. The Committee have with reluctance, passed so much of this bill at this time, and they take occasion to announce that except by the instructions of the Society they will not allow such bills in time to come.

The Standing Committee beg leave to recommend to the Society to pass a resolution, refusing traveling expenses after this day to any other than original members.

It appeared to the Standing Committee that on the occasion of the late application of the surviving officers of the Revolution to Congress for relief, this Society loaned to the applicants the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be returned to them only in case Congress should pass some law in relief. It now appears to the Committee that a law in relief has been passed and that therefore, the said sum of one hundred and fifty dollars heretofore advanced to the President of the Society in pursuance of the foregoing resolution, ought to be returned that the same may be applied to the objects of benevolence and charity contemplated in the formation of this Society. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion Ordered, that the report of Messrs. Bloomfield and Barber bringing up the report of deaths and admissions in this Society, be entered

on the minutes. Resolved, that Major Plume be a Committee to bring up the record of deaths and admissions to this time, and have fifty copies of it printed for the members of the Society, to be paid for by the Treasurer.

On motion Resolved, that so much of any resolution of this Society as authorizes the payment of Traveling Expenses of attending the meetings to others than the original members of the Society, be repealed. The consideration of which resolution was postponed to the next annual meeting.

1830.

The President announced the death of Capt. Luther Halsey, an original member of this Society, whereupon it was Resolved, that in memory of our deceased brother, this Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

Col. Plume, from the Committee to bring up the record of the Red Book of Rules, etc., and to have them printed, reported that he had performed that service and presented the 50 copies accordingly.

The Society, having been invited by the Citizens to join them in procession, they accepted the invitation and proceeded to the church, where, after a prayer and the Declaration of Independence being read by a member, a very pathetic address was delivered by the Revd. Mr. Reeves; the exercises being ended in the church, the Society returned and proceeded to business. Resolved, that the Treasurer come prepared to make his report to the Standing Committee in reference to the funds of the Society before the appointed time of meeting.

Resolved, that all applications for relief which shall have been handed to the Standing Committee before the meeting of the Society, shall be given in as soon as the Society shall convene and that all applications afterwards shall be referred directly to the Society.

Resolved, that the resolution passed July 4, 1828, allowing to Major Shute \$20 traveling expenses, be repealed and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay him mileage from Jersey City.

* Resolved, that the 1st Bye-Law and Rule of this Society as passed in 1806 be so far dispensed with as that the Society at their next annual meeting shall meet at Newark instead of Elizabeth Town, which resolution was negatived, a motion was made to reconsider the vote, and carried, and the Resolution was adopted.

Genl. G. D. Wall was appointed orator.

1831.

The Society and Citizens walked in procession to the Third Presbyterian Church, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. Dickinson and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Wm. Pennington, Esqr., an address was delivered by Genl. Wall, who had been previously appointed by the Society, the exercises in the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the Mansion House Hotel, and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to Genl. Wall,

* No such by-law or rule was passed in 1806, but it was passed July 5, 1790. W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.

orator of the day for his instructive address, and, he be requested to present to the Secretary a copy of his oration to be deposited in the archives of the Society.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed by the President to report to the Society at their next meeting canons or rules of succession as to membership.

1832.

The President announced to the Society the death of Capt. Cyrus DeHart, an original member, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning by a crape on the left arm be worn for thirty days.

The Secretary was directed to inform Messrs. Dayton and Barber of their admission, they appeared, were introduced, and took their seats.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to obtain the Bye-Laws and Rules of the different State Societies of Cincinnati in respect to those who are entitled to the benevolence of a distribution of the funds of said Societies, and that the President appoint said Committee. Genl. Wall, Col. Scott and Col. Plume were appointed.

Col. Scott, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting respecting Canons or Rules of succession as to membership, stated they were not ready to report. Ordered, that said Committee be continued and that they report to the next meeting.

1833.

The President announced to the Society the deaths of Major John Kinney, an original member, and Chas. Ewing, Esqr., an honorary member, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. The Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the First Presbyterian Church, where an address was delivered by Dr. Lewis Condict, who had been previously appointed by the Society. The exercises in the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be presented to the Hon. Dr. Lewis Condict for his excellent and appropriate address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

The Committee respecting Canons or Rules of succession as to membership, not being ready to report in consequence of the death of Charles Ewing, Esqr., Resolved that A. O. Dayton, Esqr., be added to the Committee, and that they be requested to report.

1834.

The President announced to the Society the death of Dr. John A Hendry, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Society, together with the Citizens, accompanied by a very handsome military escort, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church, where, after a prayer and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a very eloquent and appropriate oration was delivered by William Pennington, Esqr., who had been previously appointed by the Society. The exercises in the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to William Pennington, Esqr., for his oration and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

The President submitted to the Society the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, 1st. That the New Jersey State Society of Cincinnati are solemnly impressed by the death of their illustrious brother Lafayette, who in life, in relation to the great family of mankind, was the foremost in incessant attentions to preserve inviolate, the exalted rights and liberties of human nature.

In relation to these United States, a gallant and great commander, the last of her revolutionary Major-Generals, an accomplished and finished gentleman, the friend and companion of our Washington, second to none but him in promoting the cause of Independence, and who will stand next him on the pinnacle of fame.

Nomen decus et venerabile in omne avum eternum.

And in his relations to the Cincinnati, exceeded by none in brotherly kindness in all things, and particularly in the most substantial acts of beneficence to the unfortunate of their families.

2d. Resolved, that as a mark of respect, each member of the Society will wear the usual badge of mourning for six months and as a matter of more interest, treasure up his memory in their hearts.

3d. Resolved, that the Orator of this Society for the next Anniversary, pronounce an eulogium on his character and services, to be preserved among their archives forever.

4th. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to draft and report to this meeting, a suitable letter of condolence to the family of the deceased, from his brethren of this State Society, among whom there are some who fought with him at Brandywine on the plains of Monmouth, who were under his immediate command in his memorable campaign in Virginia in seventeen hundred and eighty-one, at the siege of Yorktown and the capture of Lord Cornwallis and his army, and who belonged to his beloved corps of light infantry.

Messrs. Southard, Wall, Pennington, Armstrong and Dayton were appointed the committee.

1835.

The Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the First Presbyterian Church to attend the exercises appointed for the day, when, after a prayer and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a very eloquent

and appropriate oration was delivered by Aaron O. Dayton, Esqr., who had been previously appointed by the Society.

The exercises in the church, being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks for his oration be presented by the Society to Aaron O. Dayton, Esqr., and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

The Citizens of the Borough of Elizabeth, having expressed an earnest desire that the oration this day delivered before the Society in commemoration of the character and services of General LaFayette, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, should be published. And the Society as well on account of their respect for the character and services of Genl. LaFayette, as the beneficial effect that they may have in promoting the good of mankind, Resolved, that Aaron O. Dayton, Esqr., be at liberty to comply with such request, if he sees proper.

1836.

The President announced to the Society the death of Capt. Wm. Tuttle, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Wm. Halsted, Esqr., for his oration and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

1837.

The President announced to the Society the death of Wm. Lloyd, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

The Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the Presbyterian Church, where, after a prayer and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a very eloquent oration was delivered by the Hon. S. L. Southard, who had been previously appointed by the Society.

The exercises in the church being ended, the Society returned in the same order of procession to the place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to the Hon. S. L. Southard for his oration, and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

1838.

In the absence of Genl. Elmer, the Vice-President, it was on motion Resolved, that Major Shute be appointed Vice-President pro tem.

The Military attending, the Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the State House, to attend the exercises appointed for the day when, after a prayer and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by J. W. Scott, Esq., an oration was delivered by Robert D. Spencer, Esq., who had been previously appointed for that purpose.

The exercises being ended, the Society returned to the place of their meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the orator and that he furnish a copy of his oration to be deposited in the archives of the Society.

1839.

The Vice-President announced to the Society the death of Col. Aaron Ogden, late President, and of Col. R. L. Armstrong, late a member of this Society, whereupon it was Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brethern the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

The Society, together with the Citizens, walked in procession to the First Presbyterian Church, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. Magie and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Col. Scott, an oration was delivered by the Hon. Mahlon Dickerson, who had been previously appointed for that purpose. The exercises being ended, the Society returned to the place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the orator and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

1840.

The Vice-President announced to the Society the death of Col. Sheppard Kollock, an original member of this Society, whereupon it was Resolved, that in honor of the memory of our deceased brother, the Society will wear mourning by a crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

1841.

The Vice-President announced to the Society the death of William Hyer, Esq. Whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn on the left arm for thirty days.

The Pennsylvania Society by invitation, united with us and walked in procession to the Baptist Church, where, after a prayer by the Revd. Mr. Burroughs and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Hon. Mahlon Dickerson, an oration was delivered by Col. J. W. Scott.

The exercises in the church being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to Col. J. W. Scott for his oration, and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

1842.

The Vice-President announced to the Society the death of Major Wm. Shute, late President of the Society, and the Hon. Samuel L. Southard, an honorary member, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn on the left arm for thirty days.

The Society, together with the Corporation and the Citizens, walked in procession to the Second Presbyterian Church, when, after prayer by the Revd. Mr. Magie and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mr. Spencer, an oration was delivered by Capt. W. C. DeHart. The exercises of

the church being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the orator for his oration and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

1843.

The following letter addressed to the President by the Hon. Garrett D. Wall was read to the Society :

Burlington, July 4, 1843.

Dear Sir :

Being prevented by the order of my Physician from attending your meeting this day, I wish to submit to the Society a proposition which will show that my heart is with you.

New Jersey is strewn with monuments of the Revolution, which must forever remind posterity of the deeds of our Revolutionary Fathers, but posterity has not fulfilled its duty to perpetuate as far as human labors can do, the noble deeds, which while they secured, illustrate our glorious Independence. The victory at Trenton stands foremost among the events of the Revolution. It may be considered the day spring of that event, breaking in the darkest night of gloom and despondency upon the patriots of the day. Does not gratitude, as well as that noble pride which springs from the recollection of glorious deeds—

“Bid us proclaim to deathless fame
Our fathers matchless daring.”

From whom can the initiatory step come so appropriately as the Society of Cincinnati? Is it not their duty to set the example of perpetuating by a Monument that glorious event? Are not the people of New Jersey ripe for it? Will not the proposition be hailed with a burst of patriotic enthusiasm? We have now peace, prosperity, then make the experiment.

The letter having been read, was referred for further consideration to a Committee, consisting of Genl. Wall, Gov. Pennington, Hon. Mahlon Dickerson, Col. Scott, Capt. DeHart and Mr. Spencer, with a request that they make report at the next meeting of the Society.

1844.

The Vice-President announced to the Society the death of Genl. Ebenezer Elmer, late President of the Society and the last of the original members, and of Genl. Morgan Lewis, President-General of the Society, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

The Society walked in procession to the First Presbyterian Church, where, after a prayer by the Revd. Dr. Murray, the Declaration of Independence was read by Col. Scott, Matthias Ogden, Esqr., having been prevented by sickness from delivering the oration, the benediction was pronounced by the Revd. Dr. Magie, after which the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

On motion of Genl. Wall, Resolved, that the Committee on the Trenton Monument be continued with authority to procure subscription books for and

to publish an address in the name of the Society, and to take such other measures as they may deem important to the accomplishment of the object of their appointment.

On motion of Genl. Wall, Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by the President to devise measures to erect a monument over the grave of the late President of this Society, Col. Aaron Ogden, whereupon the President appointed Genl. Wall, Genl. Dickerson and Col. Scott.

On like motion Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed by the President to devise measures to erect a monument over the grave of the Revd. James Caldwell, who was shot by the British in the Revolutionary War. Whereupon the President appointed Gov. Pennington, Hon. Lewis Condict and Mr. Bloomfield.

1845.

The Society, joined by the Citizens and escorted by the Military, marched in procession to the Court House, when after prayer by the Revd. Mr. Hall and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Col. Scott, an oration was delivered by Bishop Doane.

The exercises being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the orator for his oration, and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

Resolved, that the Society of the Cincinnati have felt highly gratified with the kind and courteous attentions offered them here, and do therefore present to the gentlemen of the Committee of Arrangements for the day and through them to the Citizens of Trenton, their warmest acknowledgments for the same.

The following resolutions of the General Society of the Cincinnati, adopted at its meeting at Philadelphia in November last, were communicated by its Secretary, viz :

Resolved, that the Secretary General be directed to address a circular to the different State Societies, recommending that a general celebration by the several State Societies shall be held at New York on the 25th day of November, 1845. That the different Societies be requested to signify their assent or dissent from this recommendation and also to designate the number of members that will be present from each Society.

Resolved, that on the acquiescence of all or such a number of the State Societies as may make such celebration desirable, the officers of the General Society be authorized to make such arrangements for the celebration as they may consider appropriate.

These resolutions having been read, the Society unanimously acceded to the proposition for a general celebration in New York, and resolved to attend in a body.

1846.

The President announced to the Society the death of Genl. Elias B.

Dayton. Whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

The Society, joined by the Citizens and escorted by the Military, marched in procession to the Third Presbyterian Church, when, after prayer by the Revd. Mr. Prime, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Dr. Goble (an appointment by the Citizens) an oration was delivered by Col. Scott.

The services in the church being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the Orator for his oration, and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be deposited in our archives.

Resolved, that Mr. Elmer, Mr. Spencer and Capt. DeHart be a Committee to enquire respecting the papers, documents and books belonging to the Society, and report whether any, and what measures are proper to be taken for their better preservation.

Capt. DeHart and Mr. Elmer were appointed to report upon the repairs to the Standard.

The report was sustained by the Society.

Resolved, that hereafter the expense of the Society's anniversary dinner is not to exceed \$75, and that all guests are to be invited by the vote of the Society.

1847.

The President announced to the Society the death of Richard L. Beatty, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

The Society, joined by the Citizens, and escorted by the Military, marched in procession to the Mercer County Court House, when, after prayer by the Revd. Mr. Ayres, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, an oration was delivered by the Revd. Luther Halsey. The services being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

The President and Secretary of the Society were appointed a Committee to bring up the record of deaths and admissions to the present time.

1848.

The President announced to the Society the death of Capt. William C. DeHart, late Vice-President of the Society, whereupon it was Resolved that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days. The Society walked in procession to the First Presbyterian Church, where the services of the occasion were opened with a prayer by the Revd. Luther Halsey, Declaration of Independence was read by Governor Pennington, and the oration was delivered by the Revd. Dr. Davidson. The services being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be given to Revd. Dr. Davison for his oration delivered this day, so appropriate to our circumstances and

so grateful to our recollections of the piety and valor of the soldiers of the Revolution and that he be requested, Providence permitting, to repeat the same before the Society at Trenton on the 4th July next.

Resolved, that the Standing Committee, together with the Treasurer and Secretary, meet on the evenings of the 3d July, except on Sundays, for the purpose of preparing their report.

Resolved, that our future meetings be held at such places as the Society may select.

Resolved, that the President be requested to invite the members of the Pennsylvania Society to unite with us in the celebration of our next anniversary.

1849.

The President announced the death of Joseph W. Reckless, Esqr., and A. F. Walker, Esqr., late members of this Society; whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for thirty days.

The Society walked in procession to the Court House, when the services on the occasion were opened by the Revd. Luther Halsey with a prayer, the Declaration of Independence was read by Robert D. Spencer, Esqr., and the oration delivered by the Revd. Dr. Davison. The exercises being ended, the Society returned to the place of their sitting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to the Revd. Dr. Davison for the address delivered by him publicly before the Society this day.

The members of the Pennsylvania Society of Cincinnati dined and united with our Society in the celebration of this Anniversary, according to the invitation.

1850.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was then Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Biographic and Historic sketch of the original members of this Society and report the same as early as practicable.

Govr. Pennington, the Revd. L. Halsey and Robert D. Spencer, Esqr., were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

It was further Resolved, that the members of this Society be requested to furnish at the next annual meeting such notices of the former members and their families, as may be thought suitable memorials to be deposited in the archives of this Society.

The Society then, joined by a large body of Citizens and escorted by the Military, marched in procession to the Presbyterian Church, and after a prayer by the Revd. Dr. Davison and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Revd. L. Halsey, an oration was delivered by the President.

Services being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

1851.

In absence of the Secretary, A. C. Hyer was chosen Secretary pro tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The proceedings of the General Society of the Cincinnati were communicated by the President, whereupon it was Resolved, that a special committee consisting of Spencer, Elmer, and Ogden be appointed to consider and report at the next meeting of the Society.

The orator appointed by the Society being prevented by indisposition from attending, no oration was delivered.

The President announced to the Society the death of Genl. Wall, late an Honorary member of this Society, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for him for thirty days.

1852

The Society, attended by a large body of Citizens, and escorted by the Military, marched in procession to the Presbyterian Church and, after a prayer by the Revd. Dr. Davidson and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mr. Francis Barber, an oration was delivered by Frederick Frelinghuysen, Esqr.; the services being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

On motion Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Frederick Frelinghuysen, Esqr., for his eloquent and appropriate oration, and that he be requested to deliver the same to the Secretary to be placed among the archives.

1853.

The President having announced to this Society the deaths of Mr. Robert H. Cumming and Mr. William Whitlock, it was Ordered, that the usual badge of mourning for them be worn for thirty days.

The Society, joined by a body of Citizens, then marched in procession to the Temperance Hall, when, after a prayer, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mr. Francis Barber, an oration was delivered by Govr. Pennington.

The services being ended, the Society proceeded to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved that the Secretary of this Society be directed to furnish to William V. Hurd, a statement certifying that it appears by the records of this Society, that he is one of its members.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Govr. Pennington for the truly appropriate and eloquent address delivered by him this day before the Society: and that he be requested to deliver the same to the Secretary in order that it may be placed among the archives of the Society.

1854.

The President announced the death of Genl. Mahlon Dickerson, an Honorary Member of this Society, whereupon it was Ordered, that the usual badge of mourning for him be worn for thirty days.

Robert D. Spencer, Esqr., the Treasurer of this Society, handed in his resignation. It was moved and seconded that the same be accepted, as he firmly, but respectfully declines to hold the office any longer, he having served therein for sixteen years.

Resolved, that this Society tender its cordial thanks to Robert D. Spencer, Esqr., its late Treasurer, for his careful and prudent preservation of the funds of this Society, and for his great labor in performing the appropriate duties of the office for the last sixteen years, and beg leave to express their deep regret that he declines a re-election.

Resolved, that Messrs. Thomas, Spencer and Ogden be appointed a committee in relation to a resolution passed by the General Society, in regard to the admission of members into the Society, and report thereon to the next meeting.

Resolved, that this Society express to Congress their earnest application, that the law now pending for the relief of the heirs of the officers of the Revolution, be passed and that the President be requested to draw up such petition and cause the same to be signed by the proper officers of the Society and forwarded to Congress without delay.

The petition drawn up by the President in pursuance of the above resolution was in the words following, to wit:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The Society of the Cincinnati of the State of New Jersey beg leave most respectfully to approach the Supreme Legislature.

The Society of the Cincinnati of the United States was established at the close of the War of the Revolution, by the surviving officers of the American Army, and it was divided into Thirteen State Societies.

It has pleased Him, who ruleth from afar and who holdeth in his hands the destinies of Nations to give victory and success to the American arms.

After a severe and bloody conflict of eight years, the Thirteen Colonies, as they were called, were elevated to the rank of Free Sovereign and Independent States.

To perpetuate as well the remembrance of that vast event, as the mutual friendship that has been formed, under the pressure of common danger, and in many instances cemented by the blood of the parties, the officers of the American Army, on the eve of their separation, did constitute and combine themselves into one enduring society of friends and did assume the name of

THE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI.

They adopted and declared as immutable principles, and as the basis of their Institution, "An incessant attention to preserve inviolate the exalted rights and liberties of human nature, for which they fought and bled, and without which the high rank of a rational being is a curse instead of a blessing.

An unalterable determination to promote and cherish between the respective States that Union and National Honor, so essentially necessary to the happiness and the future dignity of the American Empire.

To render permanent the cordial affection subsisting among the officers. This spirit (they add) will dictate brotherly kindness in all things, and particularly extend to the most substantial acts of benevolence according to the ability of the Society, towards those officers and their families who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving aid.

To the end that they might in some degree be enabled to exert their benevolence towards the widows, orphans and families of their slaughtered or impoverished brothers in arms, a fund was created. Each officer advanced from his own scanty portion one month's pay and the little fund was husbanded with care, and regarded as sacred.

On this day, the Seventy-Eighth Anniversary of American Independence, the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of New Jersey, assembled according to ancient custom, and in obedience to the precept and example of our fathers, and we did meet as they oft times had met, to give to the bereaved widows and children of our brethern, the interest and proceeds of our funds, and to tender to them the sympathies of our hearts.

This benevolence instituted by our fathers is of a nature too delicate to mortify, or to humble any recipient.

The advance is not of large amount, but it is received with pride and exultation. It is a payment rather than a donation. It is paid as a just and honorable debt.

Its effects have been correspondent with its original benevolent design. It has soothed many a sigh, it has wiped away many a tear. While engaged in this office, we received a communication from a valued brother at a distance, to the effect that a bill is now actually pending before the Congress, the object of which is the relief of the old officers of the American Army, if there be any still surviving, and of the families of those who have departed this life. This communication claimed our concurrence. Of the particulars of the bill we know nothing. What, then, shall we say? What can we do? We are humble, unobtrusive individuals, but we are the sons of those who fought the battles of their country and breasted the furious storm when the tempest raged. Yes, when the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot shrunk to their hiding places, and responded not to the trumpet's call.

But these fathers of whom we cannot but be proud, are all dead, not one of them remains to tell his grievances. They thought, and they have taught their sons to think that their country owed to them a large and heavy debt. That in her service and her defence, they had sacrificed everything but their honor. That debt has not been paid. The inability of our Government to pay compelled a recurrence to paper promises. These again were redeemed by other paper promises, and the time of fruition was again and again postponed and deferred. Dire necessity compelled a forced sale of these pledges of deferred hope, at a price almost nominal. At that time our Country was greatly embarrassed. The Government had not then the power to bring her resources into action. Now she is rich and powerful, prosperous and happy. Long, very long, may she so remain, the peculiar care of an indulgent Providence.

Our fathers and our mothers have told us that the time will assuredly come, when the slumbering justice of our country shall awake from this supineness and lethargy.

From their hallowed lips we have recollections and we have confidences that neither time nor circumstances shall efface. We do, and we will believe them. We do and we will believe that their words were prophetic. We do

and we will rely upon the Equity and Wisdom of the Supreme Legislature of the Union.

And respectfully we ask relief.

Done in full Society and by unanimous vote at New Brunswick, this fourth day of July in the year of our Lord, 1854.

The Society then, joined by a body of Citizens, and escorted by the Military, marched in procession to the Presbyterian Church, when, after a prayer by the Revd. Dr. Davison, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by him, an oration was delivered by the President. The services being concluded, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be presented to the President for his appropriate and eloquent oration and that he be requested to hand the same to the Secretary, to be deposited among the archives of the Society.

1855.

The President, having announced the death of John Buck, late a member of this Society, it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning for him be worn for thirty days.

The Society, joined by a body of Citizens, and escorted by the Military, then proceeded to the State House, when, after a prayer and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, an oration was delivered by Joseph P. Bradley, Esqr.

The services being ended the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be presented to Joseph P. Bradley, Esqr., for his eloquent and appropriate oration, and that he be requested to furnish a copy thereof to be deposited in our archives.

It was reported by L. Q. C. Elmer, Esqr., that he was cordially received by the General Society, which met at Charleston in February last, whose proceedings were accepted by this Society; and it was then Resolved by the General Society, that a special meeting of delegates from the different State Societies be held at Trenton in May, 1856.

The delegates to the special meeting above mentioned appointed by this Society were Govr. Pennington, the Honorable Lucius Q. C. Elmer, Col. J. W. Scott, Geo. C. Thomas, and General Cadwallader.

1856.

The President communicated to the Society that since the last meeting, our brother, Robert D. Spencer, Esqr., had departed this life. Ordered, that the Secretary provide crape and that the Society wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

The Standing Committee reported that the deceased brother, Robert D. Spencer, was a member of that Committee, and they request the Society to appoint for the day, a member to supply his place, whereupon the Society appointed Charles F. Hendry.

The Society then proceeded to the church and listened to an oration delivered by Govr. Pennington. The Declaration of Independence was read by Mr. Royal.

Mr. Elmer moved that the Treasurer be authorized to procure blank certificates of membership to be sealed with the seal of the Society for each member, at a cost not exceeding ten dollars. Carried unanimously.

Dr. Halsey moved that the President be requested to furnish a corrected statement of the original members and legitimate successors to this time, which was adopted.

Dr. Halsey moved that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the Hon. Wm. Pennington for his able and excellent address and request that a copy be furnished to the Secretary and placed in the archives of the Society, which was adopted.

L. Q. C. Elmer moved the following resolution. Resolved, That the eldest son of any member of the Society may be admitted a member of this Society during the life of his father, but shall not be entitled to mileage. Second, That upon the death of a member of this Society having more than one male descendant, all such descendants may be admitted as members. Laid over until next meeting.

1857.

The President announced to the Society the death, since its last meeting, of Richard M. Stout, whereupon it was Resolved, that the Society wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

The Society, joined by the Citizens and escorted by the Military, marched in procession to the Methodist Church, when, after prayer by the Revd. Mr. H———, and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, by Genl. Thos. Cadwallader, an able and eloquent oration was delivered by their worthy President, Col. Jos. W. Scott. The services at the church being ended, the Society adjourned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

It was on motion Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the orator of the day for his eloquent and appropriate address.

The President communicated to the Society that he had made diligent search for the list of original members among the papers belonging to this Society, but that he had not met with the success he had hoped for, and beg permission to report more fully at the next meeting of the Society.

On motion Resolved, that the previous resolutions in reference to the admission of the eldest son during the life of his father, and of more than one male descendant be laid over till the next annual meeting of the Society.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the Standing Committee and Treasurer, to meet on the evening of the 3d of July, and prepare the business as far as they are able. The expenses to be borne by the Society.

1858.

The President communicated to the Society that after diligent search, he had failed to find the list of original members belonging to this Society, and asked permission to again report at its next meeting.

The President announced to the Society the death, since its last meeting, of Francis Barber Ogden, who died in England, July 4th, 1857, whereupon it was Resolved, that the Society wear the usual badge of mourning thirty days.

The Society, joined by the Citizens, and escorted by the Military, proceeded in procession to the Methodist Church, when, after music by an efficient choir, prayer and reading of the Declaration of Independence by Genl. Cadwallader, an able and eloquent oration was delivered by Col. Jas. W. Wall, of Burlington.

On motion of Govr. Pennington, it was Resolved, that the thanks of this Society be tendered to Col. Jas. W. Wall, for the truly eloquent, appropriate and able address delivered before the Society this day and that he be requested to furnish a copy, to be placed in the archives of the Society, which was unanimously adopted.

It was Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the Chaplain of the day.

Resolved, That the next Annual Meeting be continued two days.

1859.

The President announced to the Society the death of the following members since its last meeting, viz.:

Dr. Lewis Dunham, A. Ogden Dayton, Jos. Adolphus Pennington, whereupon it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn by the members.

Resolved, that the true rank of the officer in the Army be inserted in each certificate of membership, unless holder of said certificate shall otherwise desire.

The Society, joined by the Citizens and escorted by the Military, marched in procession to the Methodist Church, where, after prayer, music by an efficient choir, reading of the Declaration of Independence by Chief Justice Green, an oration was delivered by the Revd. Dr. Hall, of Trenton.

The exercises being ended, the Society returned to their place of meeting and proceeded to business.

On motion of L. Q. C. Elmer, Esq., it was Resolved that the thanks of this Society be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Hall for his eloquent and appropriate address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of same to be placed in the archives of the Society which was unanimously adopted.

1860.

The President announced to the Society the death since the last meeting of the Society of Horatio Gates Phillips, whereupon it was Resolved, the Society wear the usual badge of mourning.

The Society joined by the Citizens and escorted by the Military marched in procession to the College Chapel where after prayer, music by an efficient choir and reading of the Declaration of Independence by J. T. Bloomfield, an oration was delivered by Jos. P. Bradley, Esqr.

Upon motion of L. Q. C. Elmer, Esqr., it was resolved that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the orator of the day and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same to be placed in the archives of the Society.

Resolved, that the letter from the General Society be referred to the Secretary and that he be directed to reply.

Resolved, that the Society through the Secretary announce their willingness to the General Society to take 50 copies of the work to be published by them containing information respecting the Society from its foundation to the present time, and that the same be disposed to the members at cost price.

Resolved, that no member's mileage shall exceed Ten (10) Dollars.

Resolved, that Trenton be the next place of meeting.

Resolved, that the President obtain the orator and reader for the day.

1861.

The President announced to the Society the death of two members since its last meeting, viz.:

Matthias Ogden and the Rev. Philip C. Hay, whereupon it was Resolved, that the Society wear the usual badge of mourning.

The Standing Committee would also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

That the rule heretofore established by which mileage was allowed be abolished and that in lieu thereof that all the attending regular members shall be entitled to receive Ten Dollars.

The Society then adjourned to attend the services at the church to which they were escorted by the military and citizens and where they listened to the reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Rev. Dr. Camp and an oration suitable to the day by the Rev. Dr. Crosby together with music by an efficient choir.

After which they returned to the place of meeting and proceeded to business.

The Committee appointed at the previous meeting to report whether any and what further regulations were necessary for ascertaining the right of membership not being prepared to report were continued and Judge Ogden and Clifford Stanley Sims added to said Committee.

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Crosby, orator of the day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the oration to be placed in the archives of the Society.

1862.

The President announced to the Society that since its last meeting death had been busy in our midst and removed from us, Geo. C. Thomas, our late Vice-President, the Hon. Wm. Pennington, the Hon. Theo. Frelinghuysen, the Hon. Lewis Condict and Dr. Stout. Whereupon, it was Resolved, that the usual badge of mourning be worn by the members and that the address of the President announcing their decease be placed upon the minutes, which was as follows:

My Brothers and Friends—

With grief of heart, I am compelled to announce to you that death since our last anniversary has visited our ancient Society with an unsparing hand.

1. George C. Thomas, our venerable Vice-President, departed this life in July last.

Mr. Thomas had survived all who were members at the time of his initiation.

He was a faithful member, always attending and taking an active, intelligent and influential part in the business and deliberations of the Society.

For seventeen years consecutively he was our Vice-President. He was a good man and all who knew him loved him and now lament his death. I knew him well. He was my intimate personal friend. We were schoolboys together more than seventy years ago. An intimate and a warm friendship was then formed. It was continued through youth, manhood and old age.

I take pleasure and pride in saying that in that long lapse of years it was not interrupted by a single discordance.

2. Hon. Wm. Pennington died in March last. He was an active and efficient member of our Society. A long time Governor of our State and afterwards the presiding officer of the House of Representatives of the United States. He performed the duties of his exalted stations and at the same time faithfully attended to the interests and concerns of the Society of the Cincinnati—he loved the Society.

3. Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen has for many years been one of our members. He died in April last. The arduous duties of the high offices to which he was called prevented his meeting with us but occasionally, but he said with emphasis that his heart was with us. As a Senator of the United States he was highly distinguished and his useful life was closed presiding over a literary college.

4. Hon. Lewis Condict was borne to his grave at Morris in June last at the advanced age of ninety-one years. For a long time was Doctor Condict a regular and punctual attendant with us, but his duties in Congress, of which he was a member for several years, much prevented his meeting with us. He often said that he was proud to be a member.

5. I have recently heard of the death of Doctor Stout. Of him I knew but little. He was recently admitted as a member. I am told that he bore the character of a learned, respectable, and skillful physician. But this I do know that he was the descendant and representative of a brave and gallant soldier of the Revolution. Very seldom my brothers are we called upon to read such a list of distinguished brothers, who after a long and splendid career have been carried with honor to the grave. A bereavement so heavy is more than melancholy.

Our brothers will wear the usual badge of mourning, but this crape is a feeble emblem of the mourning of the heart.

The Standing Committee report that Mr. Sims has prepared a list of the original members and their successors and other matters of interest to the Society, and they recommend that the same together with the rules and by-laws be printed at the expense of the Society for distribution among the mem-

bers, and that a committee consisting of Alexander M. Cumming, Francis Barber, Clifford Stanley Sims and the officers be appointed to superintend the same with power to revise, alter, and amend the said rules and bye-laws, and that each member at his earliest convenience forward to any member of the committee all the information he can obtain concerning his own Revolutionary ancestors or any deceased members of the Society.

The Committee recommend that the Standing Committee hold a preparatory meeting in each year the particular day of such meeting to be fixed by the Committee at each previous meeting.

In compliance with the recommendation contained in the report of the Standing Committee the chairman appointed John McDowell, Jr.; Clifford Stanley Sims, and William B. Buck a special committee to whom was referred the papers prepared by Mr. Sims containing the list of original members and their successors and other matter of interest to the Society with direction to report to the next annual meeting such alteration in and additions to the present rules and bye-laws as they shall deem expedient.

Resolved that the oration and reading of the Declaration of Independence be dispensed with at the next meeting of the Society.

1863.

At the invitation of the corporation of the City of New Brunswick, the Society participated with them in the celebration of the day. After which they again organized and proceeded to business.

1864.

On motion, Resolved, that a list of the members be prepared and the roll called at each meeting of the Society.

On motion, Resolved, that the Standing Committee meet on some day previous to the stated meeting of the Society to attend to such business as may come before them and report the same to the Society at its annual meeting.

And that the Committee meet at Trenton on the 20th day of June, 1865, at 6 o'clock, P. M. for that purpose.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr. Jonathan D. Phillips for the generous donation of Ohio Wines.

1865.

The President announced to the Society the death since its last meeting of E. B. Dayton Ogden and T. B. C. Dayton both of Elizabeth, New Jersey, whereupon it was resolved that the usual badge of mourning be worn by the members.

A communication was received from Dr. John Gray of New York (see letter) which on motion of John McDowell was referred to the President, Col. Jos. Warren Scott to respond.

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to procure a new flag or banner if found advisable within one or two years, Messrs. Scott, Cumming, McDowell and Q. W. S. Dey were appointed said Committee.

Report of Committee on banner was presented, not acted upon, and the Committee discharged.

1867.

The Treasurer was authorized to have printed for the use of the Society 100 copies of the rules.

The Special Committee appointed by the Society to superintend the publication of a list of the original members of the New Jersey Society and their successors, Rules, By-Laws, etc., presented the following report.

The Special Committee appointed by the Society at the annual meeting in July, 1862, and subsequently continued in 1866, to superintend the publication of a list of the original members and their successors, and other matters of interest to the Society, prepared by Mr. Sims, together with the Rules, By-Laws, etc., respectfully report.

That acting under these instructions they contracted shortly after the last annual meeting, with Mr. Joel Munsell of Albany, for the printing and delivery in paper covers of 100 copies of such book. That the same were delivered by Mr. Munsell in due season, when a contract was made with John E. Potter, of Philadelphia, for binding 50 of the copies in roan filleted with gold, and with appropriate inscriptions. That they have, as far as possible, distributed them among the members of the Society, and have presented in the name of the New Jersey State Society, one copy each to the several State Societies and the President General.

Mr. Wm. B. Buck tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Society which was accepted.

1868.

In the absence of the Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, the President appointed Rev. Dr. C. C. Beatty, Vice-President pro tem.

1869.

The Secretary read to the Society the following telegram just received:

Dayton, O., July 4th, 1869.

To Col. Jos. Warren Scott,

Prest. N. J. Society of Cincinnati:

Prevented being with our distinguished Society this anniversary, I send return greetings: to its venerable President respectful love and sympathy; to each individual member health, happiness and prosperity; and to the time-honored institution of glorious memories, a prayer, its motto *Esto perpetua*.

Respectfully,

J. D. PHILLIPS.

which was ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

On motion of Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, the Society then proceeded to the election of two Trustees to fill the vacancies occasioned by the deaths of Hon. E. B. D. Ogden and John McDowell, Jr., which resulted in the choice of Wm. B. Buck and Wm. B. Dayton.

Rev. Dr. Beatty, Chairman, then presented on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose the following resolutions:

It is with deep regret that the Society has heard of the death of their worthy associate, John McDowell, Jr., Esqr., on the 18th of June last, and they would hereby express their high appreciation of his character as a man. A member of the Society, and their most able and faithful Treasurer for the last fifteen years. Always regular and punctual in his attendance, and taking a lively interest in all its proceedings, the Society feels that it has lost a most worthy and excellent brother, and that his place will be missed by his surviving associates.

While we express our warm friendship for the deceased and deeply sympathize with his bereaved family, we realize that such is the end to which we all shall sooner or later come.

Resolved, that this be inserted on the minutes of the Society, and a copy of it be transmitted by the Secretary to the family of Mr. McDowell.

We also note the recent decease of another late member, Mr. Wm. S. Pennington, on Sept. 4, 1868, admitted in 1865, and thus only a short time with us.

Which report was unanimously approved.

The President called the attention of the Society to the fact that the day was no longer observed as in former times by reading of the Declaration of Independence and an oration, and expressed a wish that some action might be had to restore a custom so appropriate to the celebration of the day.

On motion of Col. Cumming the rule requiring that all officers shall be balloted for was suspended, and the officers were then elected, viva voce to serve for the ensuing year.

On motion of Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer, the office of Asst. Treas., which was abolished in 1839 was revived, and Fras. Buck McDowell, M. D., was then unanimously elected to such position.

The Secretary then read to the Society a communication from Alexander Hamilton, Esqr., addressed to the New Jersey State Society of Cincinnati, presenting for their acceptance a volume being a facsimile of the original scheme of government for the United States, as presented for the consideration of the Federal Convention, in April, 1787. Whereupon it was ordered that the letter of presentation and volume accompanying the same be placed in the archives of the Society, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Alexander Hamilton, Esqr., the thanks of the Society for his generous donation.

1870.

On motion of C. Stanley Sims, Esqr., it was Resolved, that hereafter all applications for pensions or allowances from this State Society shall be made in writing and addressed to the Standing Committee, and each such application shall contain the statement that the party so applying or applied for, is worthy of relief.

The Secretary was authorized to distribute to such members as should

apply therefor, the old original parchment diplomas of the Society now in his possession.

General Thomas Cadwallader, Chairman, then presented on behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose the following report and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

The Society has just heard with deep regret of the death of our late member, Aaron S. Pennington, which has occurred since our last meeting. In his death the Society has lost one of its worthy associates. We sympathize with his bereaved family and friends, and desire that the members of the Society wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, that the Secretary furnish a copy of these Resolutions to the family of the deceased.

On motion the rule requiring that all officers shall be elected by ballot was suspended, and the officers were then elected viva voce to serve the ensuing year.

1871.

The place of meeting of the Society on the present Anniversary having been by general consent changed since the last meeting to Elizabeth, the Society met this day at Swartz's Hotel in that City, the Hon. Vice-President presiding.

After a solemn invocation by the Chaplain, Revd. C. C. Beatty, D.D., for the Divine blessing upon the actions and deliberations of the Society, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Edward R. Pennington announced to the meeting the death on the 27th day of April last, of our venerable and devoted President. Philemon Dickinson, Esqr., announced the deaths of Col. Jonathan D. Phillips on the 23d of February, and of James P. Thomas, Esqr., on the — day of—

On motion a Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Jas. W. Wall, Edwd. R. Pennington and C. Stanley Sims, was appointed by the Chair to prepare and report to the meeting suitable resolutions to express the regret for and appreciation which the Society entertains of the severe loss which it has thus sustained by the hand of death.

Col. James W. Wall, Chairman, presented and read to the Society the following resolutions prepared by the Committee appointed for the purpose.

Resolved, that in the death of the venerable President of this Society, Col. Joseph Warren Scott, who so long presided over its deliberations with so much dignity and urbanity, his associates mourn the loss of a devoted patriot and high-toned, courteous gentleman.

Resolved, that in the deaths of our brethren Jonathan D. Phillips and James P. Thomas, Esqrs., we mourn the loss of kind-hearted associates whose memory will be ever precious.

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Society be requested to transmit a copy of these Resolutions to the respective families of the deceased members.

Mr. Sims states to the Society that he is requested by their Standard Bearer, Joseph W. S. Dey, Esqr., to tender his resignation of that position.

On motion Resolved, that the resignation of Joseph W. S. Dey, Esqr.,

as Standard Bearer of this State Society be accepted and that the Secretary communicate to Mr. Dey due notice of such acceptance, with the thanks of the Society for his long and faithful attention to the duties of his office.

1872.

After an appropriate invocation by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Halsey, for the Divine blessing upon the proceedings of this body, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President announced to the Society in feeling terms the decease since the last meeting of two of the members of the New Jersey State Society, Col. James W. Wall and Mr. William Russell Allen.

Philemon Dickinson, Esq., added to the remarks of the President a tribute to the character of Col. Wall, closing with the offer of the following Resolutions of regret and sympathy which were unanimously adopted and ordered to be entered upon the minutes of the Society.

On the ninth day of June, 1872, James W. Wall a member of the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of New Jersey died at his residence in the City of Elizabeth.

Col. Wall was of Revolutionary ancestry and with his father, General Garret D. Wall, occupied honored seats in the Senate of the United States. He was a man of rare culture and ability, a writer, correct, elegant and forcible. An orator, brilliant and distinguished. A man respected by all, and beloved by those who knew him best; he was ever true to all convictions of right, fearless in their maintenance and of undeviating fidelity to every principle adopted.

This Society desire to record its appreciation of his worth and talents, and order this minute to be spread upon its proceedings of this day and a certified copy thereof to be forwarded by the Secretary to the widow and family of the deceased.

Clifford Stanley Sims, Esqr., after a few feeling remarks upon the character of our lately deceased brother member, William Russell Allen, moved the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable minute of respect and sympathy with his bereaved family.

The President appointed as such Committee Hon. John T. Nixon, C. Stanley Sims, Esqr., and William B. Buck, Esqr.

The President here read from the Constitution of the Society of the Cincinnati the principles upon which the Society was founded, its objects, etc.

The President made a verbal report, as Chairman of the Delegation from the New Jersey State Society, of the proceedings of the General Society at their recent triennial meeting held at Boston, May 30th and 31st of this year.

A large number of handsomely bound copies of a volume entitled "The Officers and Men of the Revolutionary War from New Jersey," compiled by Gen. Stryker, Adjutant-General of the State, being presented through Philemon Dickinson, Esqr., for distribution to the several members of this Society, it was on motion.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Society are due and be tendered to

Adjutant General William S. Stryker for this interesting and valuable gift, and that we congratulate him upon the complete success of his labors in adding so important a volume to the history of our State.

Resolved. that the Secretary of this State Society communicate to Adjutant General Stryker a copy of this Resolution in acknowledgment of his gift.

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute of respect and sympathy upon the decease of our late member, William R. Allen, made the following report :

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the decease of Wm. Russell Allen, in his life time a member of this Society beg leave to report, that :

Mr. Allen was elected a member of the Society on the 4th of July, 1862, as the Great Grandson of Major Richard Cox, the first Treasurer of this Society. Mr. Allen was the tenth in descent from Ralph Allen, a Quaker settler of Salem, Mass., in 1640, whose son the Hon. Jedediah Allen removed to New Jersey where early in the eighteenth century he was a member of the Colonial Council.

Mr. Allen was remarkable for his amiability, modest deportment and strict integrity; his character was of that quiet and retiring disposition that required close acquaintance to thoroughly appreciate.

Your Committee feeling assured of the great regard and perhaps even affection which all their brethren felt for Mr. Allen respectfully suggest that a copy of this report be sent by the Secretary to the family of our deceased brother.

On motion the foregoing report was unanimously approved and the Secretary was instructed to spread the same upon the minutes of this meeting and to forward a copy to the family of the deceased. And it was further ordered that the usual badge of mourning be worn for our two deceased brethren, Col. Wall and Mr. Allen.

1873.

The President announced to the Society the receipt of a letter written at the request of the Revd. C. C. Beatty, D.D., Vice-President, explaining his absence, he being detained by serious ill health.

The President then read from the Constitution of the Society the principles upon which it was founded and its objects.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

The death of our late member, Captain James Francis Armstrong, U. S. N., having been announced in feeling terms by the President, a Committee consisting of Hon. John T. Nixon, Col. Alex. M. Cumming and Edward R. Pennington was appointed to prepare and present to the Society for their action, suitable resolutions expressing regret and sympathy.

The Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, that this Society has heard with profound sorrow of the death of their late fellow member, Captain James Francis Armstrong: that in his

decease the Society has lost one of its most active and esteemed members, and that this minute and resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Society and a copy of the same forwarded to the widow and mother of the deceased.

Ordered, that the usual badge of mourning be worn for our deceased brother, Captain James Francis Armstrong.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase at his discretion a second volume for the recording of the minutes of the Society.

The Secretary read to the Society a Resolution adopted by the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of South Carolina, expressing their appreciation of the honor conferred upon their State by the election of their President, Hon. James Simons, to the Vice-Presidency General of the Order.

It was ordered that the next meeting of the Society be held on July 4th, 1874, at the Trenton House, New Jersey.

1874.

The meeting having been suitably opened with prayer by the Chaplain, the Revd. Luther Halsey, D.D., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

At the request of the President, Col. Sims then read the Institution of the Society.

The President informed the Society that the Massachusetts State Society desired to present through him a copy of a book regarding their Society, which on motion of Messrs. Sims and Nixon was accepted, and the President requested to convey our thanks to that Society for the gift.

The President then announced in feeling terms the death of our venerable and much esteemed Honorary Member, General Thomas Cadwalader.

On motion the President appointed the Revd. Dr. Chas. C. Beatty, Philemon Dickinson, Esqr., and Col. C. S. Sims, a Committee to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of our deceased friend.

On motion, Resolved, that the Secretary is authorized to provide a suitable chest or box for the preservation of the archives of the Society, and to deposit the same with the Trenton Banking Company.

1875.

The meeting having been suitably opened with prayer by Chaplain, the Revd. Luther Halsey, D.D., the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

By direction of the President, the Asst. Secy., then read the Institution of the Society.

The Asst. Secretary reported to the Society the death of Mr. Joseph E. Bloomfield, a member of this Society, who departed this life on the 27th of June 1872, at Oswego, New York, in the 84th year of his age.

Also that the Hon. John L. Cadwalader acknowledges receipt of the Resolutions passed in reference to the death of his father, the late General Cadwalader and accepts with thanks the election as Honorary Member.

The Standing Committee would respectfully report that at a Special meeting of their body held on the 11th day of December last. Present, Messrs.

Cumming, Sims, Lloyd, Barber, Boggs, and Fras. B. Ogden. The following petition to the Congress of the United States was on motion of Mr. Sims seconded by Mr. Boggs, unanimously adopted, which petition on motion of the same gentleman, was ordered to be printed and copies forwarded to each member, with the request for them to use their influence with the Senators and Representatives of their acquaintance to secure the passage of the bill therein referred to.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

The petition of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, respectfully declareth:

That the Society of the Cincinnati is an organization founded by the officers of the Revolutionary Army at the close of the War of Independence. Its objects are in the words of its "Institution" to render permanent the cordial affection subsisting among the officers. This spirit will dictate brotherly kindness in all things, and particularly extend to the most substantial acts of beneficence, according to the ability of the Society towards those officers and their families, who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving it. That at the organization of the Society each officer subscribed a month's pay towards constituting the fund of the Society; which fund has been carefully guarded; and out of the interest thereof, small pensions are annually paid to deserving and needy descendants of said officers. That the said Society has now on its beneficiary list, many descendants of Revolutionary officers who are in needy circumstances, and that regarding the present proposed bill, entitled "A Bill to provide for the settlement of the claims of the officers of the Revolutionary Army and of the widows and children of those who died in service" as one in every way just and a moral obligation on the Government, we would respectfully solicit your favorable consideration of the same and its passage as a law.

On motion of Dr. Beatty and Col. Cumming the President appointed Judge Nixon, Col. Sims, and Mr. Burgin a Committee to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, Joseph Ellis Bloomfield.

On motion the rule regarding pensions was suspended, but after discussion no action was taken by the Society.

On motion Judge Elmer, Judge Nixon, and Mr. McDowell were appointed a Committee to ascertain the feasibility of meeting at Philadelphia during the Centennial, the Committee to report at the next meeting of the Society.

1876.

The meeting having been suitably opened with prayer by Chaplain, the Rev. Doctor Luther Halsey, at the request of the President, Col. Sims read the Institution of the Society.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President (Judge Elmer) as Chairman of the Committee to ascertain the feasibility of meeting at Philadelphia during the Centennial, pre-

sented the following report of the Sub-Committee of the State Societies of the Cincinnati.

Philadelphia, June 1st, 1876.

The Sub-Committee upon the subject of a Centennial Re-union of the Cincinnati respectfully recommend that such a re-union be held in the City of Philadelphia on the days of the 18th and 19th of October, 1876, and that the members attending "rendezvous" at Augustines, No. 1105 Walnut Street, at 10 A.M., on October 18th, and that a meeting of the members be held in the evening of that day; and that the Re-union conclude with a dinner on October 19th; that the re-union be informal and social, and that the method of arranging for the expenses of members in attendance be determined at the stated annual meetings of the State Societies, July 4th, 1876; that the Centennial Committee of each State Society shall arrange for the payment of the expenses of the number communicated, and that the estimated cost of the dinner is from \$8 to \$10 per each person in attendance.

JAMES L. HARMAR, Secretary.

which report being accepted on motion it was

Resolved, that this Society agree to the proposition to have a reunion of the members of the several Societies of Cincinnati, at Philadelphia, on the 18th and 19th days of October next, and that the Secretary be directed to ascertain from each of the members of this Society whether he will be likely to attend said reunion, at his own expense, and communicate the result to James L. Harmar, Esqr., Secretary of the Pennsylvania Society, as early as the first of October next.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to notify all Honorary members who have been absent two or more years, of the rule adopted July 4th, 1860.

Mr. Ogden presented to the Society a copy of the Sharpless miniature of Washington now in the possession of Mr. Walton White Evans of the New York Society.

The President congratulated the Society that during the year past none of our members had been called away from us by death, being the first time in seven years that we had not been called upon to mourn the loss of one or more of our brethren.

1877.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

By request of the President, Col. Sims read the Institution of the Society.

The President congratulated the Society that during the year past none of our members had been called away from us by death, being the second year that we have not been called upon to mourn the loss of one or more of our brethren.

The President reported that, as had been proposed, a Centennial Re-union of the Cincinnati had been held in the City of Philadelphia on the 18th and 19th of October last, that the members of the different State Societies met and exchanged fraternal greetings, and that all were much indebted to

the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Pennsylvania for their courteous treatment.

The following resolution was then unanimously passed :

It is on motion Ordered, that the thanks of this Society be proffered to their Brethren of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of Pennsylvania, for the courtesy and hospitality extended to them during the Centennial reunion, held in the City of Philadelphia, and that the Secretary be hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the aforesaid Society.

The Secretary reported that the day after the last annual meeting he received the following telegram from the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of South Carolina :

Charleston, S. C., July 4th. 1876.

The Cincinnati of South Carolina offer their congratulations on the Centennial of the Declaration of Independence. The principles of that great political bill of rights are necessarily dear to all whose ancestors died in declaring and establishing it.

JAMES SIMONS, Jr., Secretary.

The following resolution was then unanimously passed :

It is on motion, Ordered, that the Secretary express our thanks to our brothers of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of South Carolina, for their telegram of July 4th of last year, which unfortunately was received after our session on that day had terminated. That this Society cordially reciprocate the patriotic and brotherly sentiments therein contained, and that the same be spread upon our minutes as a lasting record of our mutual good will. *Esto Perpetua.*

Resolved, that the Standing Committee be requested to consider and report at the next annual meeting upon the expediency of reducing the amount now paid as mileage to members attending each annual meeting.

Resolved, that the Secretary is hereby authorized to accept as a present to the Society, a die of the order of the Society, if one should be presented to him. And that he may cause to be made from said die, orders for members of the Society of the Cincinnati, at the expense of those entitled to receive them, but in no case at any expense to this Society.

On motion it was Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed in the future to pay mileage only to such members as shall answer to their names at Roll Call.

An allowance of Ten Dollars was then appropriated to John Clarke Sims, Jr., in payment of his mileage for the year 1876.

1878.

In absence of Chaplain, the Rev. Doctor Luther Halsey, at the request of the President the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Doctor Hornblower.

By request of the President, Col. Sims read the Principles of the Society. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Standing Committee report that they have received a Communication from the Rhode Island State Society of the Cincinnati, and recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, the Society of Cincinnati in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was from various unfortunate circumstances, beyond its control, unable to hold regular meetings after the 4th of July, 1835, although having voted so to do, in consequence of which those hereditarily entitled to membership were unable regularly to obtain it, and,

Whereas, a petition was in 1876 presented to the Rhode Island General Assembly by certain citizens of that State praying for an act of legislation abrogating the Charter of Incorporation of the Rhode Island State Society of Cincinnati which had been granted by that body in 1814, the petition being based on the ground that the annual 4th of July meetings therein required had not been held in each year, and requesting further that the property and funds of the Society be transferred to another corporation, which petition by the State Constitution had to lie over one year before action, and the Judiciary Committees meanwhile to advertise through the newspapers for all concerned to show cause why the petition should not be granted, and whereas certain gentlemen hereditarily entitled to membership in the Rhode Island Society under the General Institution of the Cincinnati (viz. Hon. Nathanael Greene, Hon. James M. Clarke, Hon. Samuel Hendry Greene, Genl. Wm. W. Brown, Doctors Henry E. Turner, David King, and others having become apprised of this published notice to show cause, *did* as the only apparent practicable course, on the 12th day of December, 1877, at the State House, Providence, after due and extended published notice on their part, and careful investigation of the claims of all participants, and after obtaining the advice and encouragement of all accessible members of the Cincinnati, with appropriate ceremonies and due acknowledgment of responsibility, reinstate their honorable old Society, and thereby prevent the abrogation of its charter of Incorporation (which had never been surrendered) or diversion of its funds and property; and did also thereby secure the dismissal of the citizens petition, and whereas from the very peculiar circumstances of the case, they had to take this action promptly and without preliminary formal agency of the General Society, after every effort to obtain it, but with the direct assistance and presence of a member of the Cincinnati resident in Rhode Island, and with the advice and encouragement of other members, and,

Whereas, it appears that after the reinstatement of the Society, its reinstating members went before the Judiciary Committees of the Rhode Island General Assembly, according to the Statute, and duly proved themselves to be the true successors of the original incorporators under the Institution of the Cincinnati, and also subsequently, equally satisfied a Committee of the General Society on the 22d May last, that they were and are the eldest lineal descendants at Common Law of original members of the Rhode Island Society, as well as personally worthy, and,

Whereas, the Rhode Island General Assembly did, on the 26th March,

1878, confirm them in all their corporate rights, and privileges, and declare them by law, to be the true legal successors of the original incorporators, and did subsequently at the special legislative session in June, express its continued confidence, by giving them, by resolution, the use on all occasions of the historic standard borne by the 1st Regiment Rhode Island Continental Infantry during the Revolution, which had been presented by the original members to the State, February, 1784, and,

Whereas, the gentlemen composing that Society ask recognition and paternal encouragement at our hands, and show us a highly respectable organization having an original permanent fund (although small) and all its valuable records since 1783, and a membership based on the terms of the General Institution.

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Society of the Cincinnati hear with pleasure of the resuscitation of the Rhode Island State Society, and extend to them their paternal congratulations.

Resolved, that this Society hereby formally recognize the Rhode Island State Society of Cincinnati, as again forming a constituent part of the Cincinnati, and its members as entitled to all privileges of membership as Cincinnati. Recommendations adopted.

The Standing Committee also report that your Committee have received a letter from the Regent of the Valley Forge Centennial Association, asking the aid of this Society in making up the fund for the purchase of Washington's Headquarters at that place, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that while it would afford the New Jersey State Society of the Cincinnati much pleasure to contribute to the fund of the Valley Forge Centennial Association, the primary duty they owe their beneficiaries preclude their doing so, as their fund is but small. Adopted.

1879.

In the absence of the Chaplain, at the request of the President the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Doctor William H. Hornblower.

An appropriation was ordered of not to exceed \$25 for the purchase of ten yards of deep blue watered ribbon edged with white for the use of the members of the Society.

The thanks of the Society were tendered to the Hon. John Fitch for his presentation of a book in which to record the Roll of the Society.

The thanks of the Society were tendered to the Hon. Nathaniel Greene, for his presentation of the life of Major General Greene, and the Secretary instructed to so advise him.

The recommendation of the Committee relative to the obtaining portraits of members for use in some future memorial volume was approved by the Society.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

It was moved and duly seconded that whereas it appears by the minutes of the meeting held July 4th, 1878, that Hon. John L. Cadwalader was not present and, whereas, it further appears that the said John L. Cadwalader

was not present at the time of the calling of the roll, through circumstances beyond his control, but subsequently was present. Be it resolved, that the name of the Hon. John Cadwalader be recorded among those present at that meeting. Which was adopted.

It was moved and duly seconded, that whereas the Citizens of Monmouth County are making efforts to erect a monument upon the battle ground near Monmouth Court House, to perpetuate the memory of the gallant officers and men who fought for independence on that field, June 28th, 1778.

And, whereas, such efforts have thus far met with great success, but to erect a memorial worthy the event more funds are needed.

Therefore, resolved, that we recommend the patriotic object to the people of this and other States, and respectfully urge them to aid by liberal subscriptions, which was adopted.

1880.

In the absence of the Chaplain, at the request of the President, the meeting was opened with prayer by Vice-President, the Rev. Doctor Charles C. Beatty.

The Roll having been called, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President announced to the Society the death of Col. Alexander McW. Cumming, Chairman of the Standing Committee, adding in appropriate words the estimation in which he was held, as one of the few surviving sons of an original member.

The Secretary reported to the Society that he had communicated the Resolutions passed at the last meeting, relative to the death of Hon. James Simons, to the Society of South Carolina, and received a suitable reply, and then read a letter from Chaplain, Rev. Luther Halsey, D.D., declining a reelection to that office on account of advanced age and feeble health.

The Standing Committee have received a communication from General Wilmot De Saussure, President of the State Society of the Cincinnati of South Carolina, enclosing a letter from the Mayor of Charleston, S. C., relative to the celebration of the Battle of Cowpens, and recommend the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, that the communication from General Wilmot De Saussure, President of the State Society of the Cincinnati of South Carolina, with its enclosures relative to the Centennial observance of the victory of Cowpens, and proposed monument in commemoration thereof be referred to a Committee of three, consisting of the Hon. Lucius Q. C. Elmer, President of this Society, the Hon. John T. Nixon, U. S. Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Major General William S. Stryker, Adjutant General of the State, with the request that they submit the same to his Excellency the Governor, and take such other steps as they may deem advisable in the premises. It was adopted.

Resolved, that this Society hear with deep regret of the feeble health of the Revd. Dr. Luther Halsey and of his determination to no longer act as

Chaplain, and that they hereby tender to him the thanks of the Society for his past services.

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to refer to the minutes of the Society to ascertain if any record could be found therein of the presentation of Mr. W. W. Thomas to the Society of a roll of the Society ribbon, and that he convey the thanks of the Society to Mr. Thomas for the same.

Resolved, that the payments made for mileage be abolished after the present meeting.

Resolved, that in view of the diminished income of the Society, members other than the President, who invite guests, shall notify the President and the Secretary, and shall pay the expense of their guests' dinners, and that this resolution take effect after to-day, and that hereafter the rule on Invitations XVII. shall read "and the committee of arrangements not exceeding three guests" instead of "and the Standing Committee not exceeding six guests" as heretofore.

1881.

In the absence of the Chaplain the meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. Dr. Beatty, Vice-President.

At the request of the President the Asst. Secretary read the Principles of the Society.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The President announced to the Society the death since the last meeting of the Treasurer, Mr. William Berrian Dayton, the Rev. Dr. Luther Halsey, Mr. Alexander Chambers Hyer, and Mr. William D. Heard.

The Standing Committee report that they have received from Doctor Herman Burgin a new press and seal which he presented to the Society to replace the old one which has become worn and damaged by age. His die is executed in the highest style of engraving, and may be justly considered a work of art of which the Society may be proud. Your Committee therefore recommend that it be Resolved, that the seal presented by Doctor Burgin be accepted and adopted, and that the thanks of the Society be given to Doctor Burgin for his generous gift. It was adopted.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: Be it Resolved that the President General of the Cincinnati be respectfully requested to convene an extra meeting of the General Society in the City of New York or such other point as he may designate on or about 13 October, 1881, to receive, consider, and act upon the report of the Committee on rules or ordinances, to make arrangements for the Society to be represented officially at Yorktown and such other matters as may be presented. It was adopted.

Resolved, by the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, that they hear with regret and abhorrence of the attempted murder of the President of the United States, and would express deep sympathy for his family in their sorrow and an earnest hope that God may in his infinite mercy spare him to the country. That the Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State of the United States. It was adopted.

1882.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President the meeting having been called to order, Mr. William Lloyd was elected Chairman.

A prayer was then made by the Rev. Dr. Hornblower, Chaplain of the Society.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The Assistant Secretary read the principles of the Society.

A letter was then read from the President, his health not allowing him to be present. This letter enclosed the following address.

Brethren of the Society of the Cincinnati:

As I am unable from physical disability to attend the 98th anniversary of our Society (July 4th, 1882), I can only express with deep emotion my regard for all the members thereof, and my full adherence to those immutable principles adopted by the founders of the Society. We, as a Society of friends, now represent those who fought and bled to establish an independence, and you have again listened to the reading of those principles ordered to be read at every annual meeting, as follows: "An incessant attention to preserve inviolate those exalted rights and liberties of human nature for which they have fought and bled, and without which the high rank of a rational being is a curse instead of a blessing. An unalterable determination to promote and cherish between the respective States that Union and national honor so essentially necessary to their happiness, and the future dignity of the American Empire." Two hundred and fifty years ago our forefathers in England were forced into a civil war to establish these same principles of human rights, which had been encroached upon by the acts of tyrannical rulers, which resulted in the great improvement of the government of that country, and the establishment of those principles of liberty which were brought with them into their new home in America. But the colonies of America had forced upon them against their earnest protest domestic slavery. The independence of '76 freed us from the tyrannical rule of the King and parliament of Great Britain, but it did not free us from the curse of slavery; only a terrible civil war here could free us from that. But this happy result has been reached, and we have now the hopeful prospect of a republic with "that union and national honor so essentially necessary to their happiness and the future dignity of the American Empire." Any one familiar with the opinions of the American people at the time of the adoption of our present excellent federal constitution, and of the difficulty of prevailing on them to accept it, must be convinced, I think, that had it then been understood, that a court established by the government of the United States would have the authority to try a citizen of a particular State, for an infraction of the laws of that State, as had been recently decided by the Supreme Court, their opinion being delivered by a judge trained in this State, it would have been rejected. But although I deem this to have been a strained construction of the Constitution as it stands, I am not alarmed. Two circumstances render such action endurable and perhaps desirable, and recent events have shown that a much older decision which held that a citizen could sue a particular State, which was speedily reversed by an amendment of the Consti-

tution might have been more wisely left to stand. Therefore, I am not alarmed. Because, First, The great principles of democracy, "that all good government is designed to produce the greatest good to the greatest number," has become the accepted opinion of the great majority of the American people, and in the main controls the action of all our political parties, and is fast becoming the creed of the world. Second, Our republic has assumed dimensions not contemplated by its founders. Instead of thirteen sovereign States we now have thirty-eight, and soon will have fifty, and possibly, before another century is closed there will be a hundred, covering all North America, and governing hundreds of millions of inhabitants. We now have and will continue to have a home rule in each particular State, prescribing what is right and prohibiting what is wrong in domestic matters, which differ so much in one locality from those in others having a different climate, different pursuits and habits. While as to those matters that are common to all our citizens and are essential to the happiness and dignity of the American Empire, a general government rules all the citizens by uniform laws. This is "imperium in imperio," once deemed a contradiction in terms and still misunderstood by many, but found by experience to be wise and efficient, and which has been clearly established by a constitution new to the world. The nineteenth century has been prolific of improvements in government, as well as of the arts of life. Railroads, telegraphs, and telephones added to a free press, free schools, and the Christian religion are fast improving society, and it may well be hoped will continue to do so for ages to come. Strong bands, firmly established, may well be deemed necessary, to keep together such a republic. But it must not be forgotten that united sentiment and liberal toleration of differences, are essential to success. The founders of the Society adopted as their model, the great Roman Dictator, Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus, who, having accomplished the purpose of his appointment returned to his citizenship, an example they were about to imitate, and inscribed on their banner as his great characteristic "omnia reliquit servare rempublicam." This character each one of us is bound to imitate when necessary, and at all times we should strive so to live, that it may truly be said of each of us, "he gave up all to serve God and his brethren."

(Signed) LUCIUS Q. C. ELMER,

Bridgeton, July 3d, 1882.

Pres. N. J. Cincinnati.

The Secretary announced to the Society that he had received a communication from the Vice-President, regretting that his health did not permit of his attending the meeting, whereupon on motion of the Revd. Doctor Wm. H. Hornblower, it was unanimously resolved, that we receive with much regret the announcement that our venerable and venerated President is unable to meet with us on account of increasing infirmities, and assure him hereby not in a formal but in a spirit of that brotherly love which animated our ancestors, of our high esteem and regard, and express our hopes that under Divine Providence he may be spared to again preside at our councils. That the President's address just read be spread upon the minutes.

Resolved, that we hear with much sorrow of the sickness of our much esteemed brother, the Vice-President, and tendering him our fraternal sym-

pathy, trust that he will by the Divine goodness be speedily restored to health and again permitted to join us in our annual celebration.

Resolved, that the State Society of the Cincinnati of New Jersey deeply regret the action of the New York State Society, in adopting on 4th July, 1881, certain resolutions reflecting on the action of the General Society at Charleston in May, 1881, in admitting by a vote of 21 to 13 the Rhode Island State Society to full representation, and further reflecting on the motives of the delegates from the several State Societies who voted for such admission.

As at the time of this action on the part of the New York State Society, the question of the status of the Rhode Island State Society had been finally settled by the action of the General Society, it was unnecessary to make further argument regarding the matter, and as the State Society of New Jersey on 4th of July, 1878, had by resolution formally recognized the Rhode Island State Society as a sister Society, the action of its delegates was in full accordance with the settled action of this State Society.

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to transmit to the General Society, the New York State Society, and the other State Societies a duly certified copy of this action.

On motion, it was resolved that the next annual meeting be held at Princeton, New Jersey.

On motion, Doctor Herman Burgin was appointed a Committee of one, to confer with the other State Societies in reference to Centennial observances.

On motion, the Hon. Joel Parker and the Secretary were appointed a Committee to draw up proper resolutions and forward them to Congress in thanks for the government appropriation in aid of erecting a monument at Monmouth (the following was forwarded to the Honorable, the President of the Senate, and the Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Representatives).

Trenton, N. J., 4th July, 1882.

Resolved, that the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey composed of the descendants and representatives of the officers of the New Jersey line of Continental Army, beg leave to express its gratification and thanks for the substantial recognition by the Congress of the United States (in its recent action in making an appropriation towards the erection of a monument on the battlefield of Monmouth) of the services of the officers and men of the Revolutionary Army through whose patriotism and sacrifices our liberties were achieved and our National Government established.

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to transmit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a duly certified copy of this action.

1883.

The meeting being called to order at 11.50 A.M., the Hon. John Thompson Nixon was appointed Temporary Chairman.

Prayer was then made by the Rev. Doctor Samuel Moore Shute.

Upon motion the rules of the Society were suspended so as to go into the election of officers of the Society as the first business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

The Secretary made a verbal report of the communications received and made by him since the last meeting.

During the year past the following deaths have occurred.

The Hon. Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Elmer, our President, breathed his last on the 11th of March at the patriarchal age of ninety years. By the invitation of the Standing Committee, Honorary member, Col. William E. Potter, will deliver a short sketch of the life and services of our departed brother.

Be it Resolved, that the Society of the Cincinnati in New Jersey desire to place on record their sentiments of esteem and regard for their late venerable President, the Honorable Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Elmer, LL.D. Full of years and well earned honors he has passed to his rest. The son of a Revolutionary officer, one of the original members of our Society, he inherited in a remarkable degree that exalted love of liberty which characterized the founders of our republic, and made the name of Cincinnati peculiarly appropriate to our ancestors. In the various concerns of a long and active life he acted well his part and was rewarded by many distinguished marks of the approval of his fellow citizens. His memory is praised of all, and especially will remain green in the affections of his brethren of the Cincinnati. Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this minute to the family of our deceased brother, and to respectfully assure them of our most sincere sympathy.

The Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, that the Society of the Cincinnati in New Jersey feel that in the death of our venerable Vice-President, the Rev. Charles Clinton Beatty, D.D., LL.D., the Society has lost one of its most enthusiastic supporters, as indeed in fact its oldest living member, that we recall with brotherly pride his affection for the Order and the warm interest he took in its concerns. We remember that although living at a distance, his attendance was regular even at an advanced age, and that for some time when blind from an affection of the eyes he was not absent from our councils, albeit, he had to be led to them by the hand. Yet, while animated with sentiments of respect and fraternal regard for his memory, we feel no long or elaborate eulogy would be in place or meet the approval of our brother could his wishes be consulted. Therefore, of him let it be briefly recorded in the words of the Apostle Paul, that he "after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers."

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the minute to the family of our deceased brother, and to respectfully assure them of our most sincere sympathy.

The Standing Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to convey to the family of our late venerable brother, Mr. William Shute, the expression of our sen-

timents of regret and sorrow at the announcement of his death, and the assurance of our most sincere sympathy.

The Committee in announcing the serious illness of Chaplain, the Rev. Wm. H. Hornblower, are at the same time pleased to add that he is now on the road to recovery. They suggest the passage of the following resolution: The Cincinnati of New Jersey regret to miss from their midst their esteemed brother member, Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Hornblower, they send him their friendly greetings, with their sincere hopes for his speedy recovery.

The Committee desire to call attention to the fact that the Secretary has collected a large amount of data relating to the members of the Society with a view of the printing at some future time of another book containing the Institution, By-Laws, list of members, etc., of the Society; they would request that the members furnish the Society with such information as may assist him in this direction, and they also recommend the adoption of the following resolution: Resolved, that the sum of \$25 be paid to the Secretary in reimbursement of sundry extraordinary expenses incurred by him in the collection of data above described.

The Committee also recommend that from and after the 4th July, 1884, the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of \$2.50 mileage to each member in attendance.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: That the members be requested to furnish the Secretary with such genealogical information concerning their families as will enable the Society in case of the death of members to determine who is the proper heir to succeed to the vacant membership, and also who is in the member's opinion the fittest person to so succeed.

The report on the case of Mr. William Belden, referring same to the Secretary was adopted.

Dr. Burgin (the Treasurer), who was appointed in 1882 a Committee of one to confer with the other State Societies in reference to Centennial observances, reported unfavorably, which report was accepted and Committee discharged. Colonel William Elmer Potter, by invitation of the Standing Committee, then delivered an eloquent oration on the life, character and services of Judge Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Elmer, late President of the Society.

General Oliphant moved the thanks of the Society to Col. Potter for his oration, and that Col. Potter be requested to furnish a copy for publication, which was adopted.

Whereas, the Society has invited the General Society to hold its next Triennial Meeting in this City, and as the delegates to the same will be entertained as our guests, it is evident that considerable expenses will be entailed, and this being an extraordinary event, it becomes necessary that this Society authorize its Treasurer to pay out monies for this object; therefore, be it resolved,

That the Trustees be hereby authorized to pay the Treasurer any necessary amounts to cover the expenses of entertaining the General Society, and also that the Treasurer be authorized to pay out such amounts as may be approved and passed by the Committee of Arrangements.

The following members were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for the entertainment of the General Society.

Messrs. Buck, Pennington, John Sims, Jr., Dr. Burgin and General Stryker, and as a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting of the Society.

1884.

The meeting having been called to order was opened by prayer by Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Saml. M. Shute.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President announced to the Society the death of Mr. George Washington Harris, Secretary General of the Cincinnati and President of the Pennsylvania State Society, upon which on motion of Dr. Shute the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, hear with much regret of the death on the 27th of November last of Mr. George Washington Harris, late Secretary General of the Cincinnati and President of the Society in the State of Pennsylvania, and would respectfully tender to the General Society and to their brethren in Pennsylvania the assurance of their sympathy at the loss which they have sustained. Resolved, that the Secretary forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary General and to the Secretary of the Society in Pennsylvania.

The President informed the Society that he had received \$445 in subscriptions from the members towards defraying the expenses of entertaining the General Society at their recent session in Princeton, and mentioned incidentally that during the year past he had written some 323 letters on business of the Society.

The Secretary made a verbal report regarding the communications received and made by him since the last meeting.

The Standing Committee have to announce that during the year past death has taken from us:

Chaplain, the Rev. Doctor William Henry Hornblower. He was born at Newark on the 21st March, 1820, and was the eldest son of Chief Justice Hornblower and Mary Burnet, granddaughter of Surgeon William Burnet, an original member of this Society. Edward Riggs Pennington, the son of one and grandson of another of our former Governors. We would respectfully tender to his widow and family our most sincere sympathy at their bereavement. The Secretary will forward a copy of this resolution to the family of our deceased brother.

In accordance with By-Law IX. giving power to the Standing Committee to fill all vacancies by death, resignation or otherwise, they on the 4th day of March last appointed the Rev. Samuel Moore Shute, D.D., Chaplain to the Society, and have the pleasure to announce that on the 16th May last that gentleman was also appointed a Chaplain to the General Society.

The Standing Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution: Be it resolved, that whereas the Secretary has now sufficient

material for a new Red Book, he be instructed to make up and print the same, and also be it resolved, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay requisite reasonable amounts in furtherance of this object.

1885.

The meeting having been called to order, was opened by prayer by Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Saml. Moore Shute. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President then read the following report :

Princeton, N. J., July 4, 1885.

The President has to report that since the last meeting of the Society he has written four hundred and eighteen letters in relation to its affairs, and has received about the same number.

It is proper to call attention to the fact that the Society were invited to participate in the celebration attending the unveiling of the monument on the battlefield of Monmouth, near Freehold, on 13th November last, and that eleven members were present, besides several from the New York and Rhode Island State Societies.

The Governor of the State officially invited the Society to attend the public funeral of the late Major General Gershom Mott, at Trenton, on 3d December last. The brief time available only permitted a notification of this invitation to twenty-four members, of whom nine attended and were accorded the position of honor at the ceremonies attending the burial.

It is important that steps should be taken to obtain and preserve, as far as possible, correct and complete information concerning the families and descendants of the original members, and it is suggested that the several members communicate, without delay, such family records as may be in their possession; when received they should be properly recorded in a volume suitable for the purpose, and arranged by index and otherwise for easy reference in future cases of applications for admission to membership; the necessary expense attendant thereto will be small, and unless otherwise directed, the President will, in conjunction with the Secretary, have the work thus indicated properly executed as far as practicable.

In connection with the foregoing, it is important that all available information which can be obtained from the several Departments of the Government at Washington, and more especially from the Pension Office, in relation to the original members, should be had, and the President, unless the Society otherwise direct, will endeavor to procure such information; the expense of such an undertaking will be trifling.

The Hon. William A. Courteney, of Charleston, S. C., has presented to the Society, one of the editions of the correspondence of Lord Montague with General Moultrie, 1781; the President has suitably acknowledged its receipt, but it is proper that some action should be taken by the Society in reference thereto.

The Secretary made a verbal report regarding the communications received and made by him since the last meeting.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, that the Secretary be directed to convey to the Hon. William A. Courteney, of Charleston, S. C., the thanks of the Society for his courtesy in presenting to it a copy of the reprint of the correspondence of Lord Montague with General Moultrie, 1781.

The Standing Committee announce that death has taken from us Judge Joseph Griffiths Scott, Mr. Isaac Carroll Thomas, Major-General Gershon Mott, and Rear-Admiral George Foster Ammons; also the death of Major William S. Popham, Vice-President New York State Society, and Hon. Simon Henry Greene, Vice-President of Rhode Island State Society.

1886.

The meeting having been called to order was opened by prayer by Chaplain, the Reverend Saml. Moore Shute. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The President, in a verbal report, stated that since the last meeting of the Society he had written three hundred and seventy-two letters in relation to its affairs, and had received about the same number. He announced to the Society the death of General Wilmot G. De Saussure, President of the South Carolina State Society of the Cincinnati.

On motion of Mr. Ogden, it was unanimously resolved, that as in the death of their President, General Wilmot G. De Saussure, our brethren of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of South Carolina, have lost one of their most prominent members, a lover of the Cincinnati and its traditions, a distinguished citizen of his State and Country, and a courteous gentleman highly esteemed by all who knew him. We, the Cincinnati of New Jersey, in annual meeting assembled, do respectfully and cordially tender to them the assurance of our fraternal sympathy and of our participation in the sorrow at the bereavement which has befallen them.

The Secretary made a verbal report regarding the communications made and received by him since the last meeting, and stated that while the Society of the Cincinnati had been invited to assist at the obsequies of General U. S. Grant, the accommodation afforded being so limited, two or three would be the full representation of the New Jersey State Society, under which circumstances, Dr. Herman Burgin, Treasurer, and Mr. William C. Spencer, Assistant Secretary, acted as representatives of this Society.

The President calling the attention of the Society to the proposed new edition of the Red Book, it was on motion, Resolved: That the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer be a Committee to prepare a roll of the original, hereditary and honorary members, and other matters of interest to the Society, and to provide by the obtaining of subscriptions or otherwise for the printing of the same in book form.

On motion of the Vice-President, it was unanimously Resolved: That the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, desire to express to the Honorable Wm. H. Forman, Chief Commissioner, Theodore W. Morris, Esqr., President of the Battle Monument Association, Capt. John Buck and the members of his command, together with the citizens of Freehold generally, their high appreciation of the very courteous reception which

they have received this day. In commemorating as the Cincinnati does, the heroic deeds of those who achieved our Independence, such attentions are proofs that the same spirit still animates our fellow citizens, and that the coming generation will be taught to appreciate and maintain that liberty which it was the honor of our ancestors to have gained by the sword.

1887.

The meeting having been called to order, was opened by prayer by Chaplain, the Rev. Saml. Moore Shute. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved, that By-Laws No. 3, directing the order of business, be suspended for this meeting, and that the report of the Standing Committee be first considered.

On motion, it was resolved, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to the South Carolina State Society, of the Cincinnati, for the pamphlet, prepared by the late General Wilmot G. De Saussure, entitled "The Names of the Officers who served in the South Carolina Regiments in the Continental Army, etc., and that the same be deposited among our archives.

Mr. Frederick Wolcott Jackson called the attention of the Society to the recent death of Mrs. Julia Kane Fish, daughter of the late Peter Kane, of Essex County, New Jersey, and wife to the Hon. Hamilton Fish, President General of the Cincinnati.

It was on motion, of the Rev. Dr. Shute, Resolved: That the General Society of the Cincinnati, at its approaching meeting be requested to order the printing of 600 circulars, immediately after each triennial meeting, containing the names of the officers of each State Society with those of the hereditary and honorary members of the same, and to distribute to the several Societies through their Presidents, these circulars in proportion to the number of members of each Society, the expense of publishing said circulars to be paid out of the funds of the General Society.

On motion, it was resolved, that the meeting of the Society on 4th July, 1888, should be held at University Hall, Princeton, N. J.

1888.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Standing Committee announce that death has during the year past removed from our number: the Hon. John Fitch, Brevet Major General Lewis Perrine, Hon. John Thompson Nixon, and the Hon. Edward Nicoll Dickerson.

The Society then took recess, and entertained at dinner a number of their fellow citizens, David S. Crater, Surrogate of Monmouth County; Major Franklin C. Woolman, Secretary Board of Proprietors, and others.

After the usual patriotic toasts suitably responded to, the Hon. Henry S. Harris, on behalf of the artist, Mr. Frost Johnson, of New York, presented to the Society an oil portrait of the Secretary.

The President, in his closing remarks, congratulated the Society on its relative strength with that of other sister States, and wishing the members God speed, formally announced adjournment until 4th July, 1889.

1889.

Meeting having been called to order by the President, was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The President and Secretary made verbal reports. The Standing Committee announce that during the year past death has taken from us the following members: Rear Admiral Charles Henry Baldwin, Dr. Timothy Mallack Cheesman, Hon. Anthony Reckless, Major Robert Stockton, and Francis Barber Howell.

On motion, it was resolved, that each member be requested to forward cabinet photographs of himself and his ancestors to the Secretary to be deposited in the archives of the Society.

The Society then took a recess till 2.30 P. M., at which time it entertained at dinner a number of invited guests, and the usual patriotic toasts were drunk and responded to.

1890.

Whereas, the applications of certain gentlemen heretofore made under and subject to the provisions of Rule No. 2, have been favorably considered by this Society, subject to the compliance by said applicants with the provisions of said Rule, and said applicants have not paid the amount fixed by said Rule as a condition precedent to membership,

Be it resolved, that unless said amount shall be paid by said delinquents prior to the next annual meeting of the Society, the privilege of those applicants to become members by compliance with the provisions of said rule, shall cease and determine.

That the Secretary notify said delinquents of this resolution.

That your Committee has passed the following resolution in regard to applications for membership under the provision of Rule No. 2:

Resolved, in the future all applications under the provisions of Rule No. 2 shall be accompanied with the sum required by the rule, to be paid as a condition precedent to membership. Approved.

On motion, it was resolved, that the thanks of this Society be given to General Edward B. Grubb for his hospitable and courteous invitation to hold the next meeting at his residence, Edgewater Park, New Jersey, with regrets that this Society consider it impossible to accept the same.

On motion, it was resolved, that a recess be now taken to hear an article written by Dr. Luther F. Halsey on the medical men of the Revolution.

Dr. Luther F. Halsey then read a summary of the article written by him, and presented the same to the Society.

On motion, it was resolved, that the article so ably prepared by Dr. Luther F. Halsey on the medical men of the Revolution, and presented by him to the Society, be accepted with the thanks of the Society, and that not exceeding two hundred copies be printed for distribution among the members and others.

A recess was then taken by the Society until 2 P. M., at which time it entertained a number of invited guests, and the usual patriotic toasts were drunk and responded to.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Committee of Arrangements be authorized and directed to ascertain if suitable accommodations can be had for a meeting and dinner on the 22d day of February next, and that if the same be found practicable, that the President shall call such adjourned meeting.

1891. Feb. 23.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and the Chaplain being absent, the usual prayer was omitted.

The President then stated that nothing of sufficient importance had occurred since the last meeting to necessitate calling a meeting of the Standing Committee, and that it had no report to make.

The President then made a verbal report that the funds and securities in the hands of the Trustees amounted to upwards of \$21,000.

The President further reported that he had made inquiry in regard to the papers, archives and records of the Society formerly in the custody of Mr. Francis Barber Ogden, its late Secretary and stated that five original orations delivered before the Society and the first book of Minutes of the Society were in his possession, and that he had provided for having made three typewritten copies of said minutes. That the tin box containing other papers, archives and records of the Society was in possession of the Treasurer Dr. Burgin.

On motion, it was resolved, that the action of the President in directing three (3) copies of the first book of original minutes to be made, be approved; on motion, it was resolved, that a sufficient number of copies of the original orations delivered before the Society and the first book of minutes of the Society be printed for distribution among the members and others, upon the receipt of subscriptions from the members for an amount sufficient to defray the costs of such printing.

On motion, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to examine and take inventory of the papers, archives and records of the Society and make a list of the same, and report the result to the Society.

The President appointed General William S. Stryker and Mr. William C. Spencer as such committee.

The President stated, that it was with sincere regret that he announced that since its last meeting the Society had lost by death the following members:

Mr. Francis Barber Ogden, its Secretary.

Mr. Robert Morris Boggs.

Mr. James Robinson Walker.

and also the death of the Hon. Samuel Crocker Cobb, President of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Massachusetts.

The Assistant Secretary reported that he had mailed copies of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Society in regard to applications for

membership under the provisions of Rule 2, who had failed to pay the amount fixed by said rule as a condition precedent to membership to said delinquents, but had received no response from any one of them.

An election was then held to fill the vacancy in the office of Secretary, caused by the death of Mr. Francis Barber Ogden.

The rule being suspended by unanimous consent Mr. William C. Spencer was elected Secretary of the Society.

An election was then held to fill the vacancy in the office of Assistant Secretary by reason of the election of that officer as Secretary.

The rules being suspended by unanimous consent Mr. William P. Barber was elected Assistant Secretary of the Society.

In the evening of the same day the Society entertained at dinner a number of distinguished guests among whom was the Governor of New Jersey, and the usual patriotic toasts were drunk and responded to. During the dinner on motion of Hon. William J. Sewell, it was resolved that General William S. Stryker telegraph to Hon. Levi P. Morton, Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate, and the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, Speaker of the House of Representatives, on behalf of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, requesting and urging that the Congress of the United States do pass the amendment to the bill appropriating the balance necessary for the erection of the battle monument on the battlefield at Trenton.

1891. July 4.

The Society having been called to order by the President, the meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The President reported verbally that he had written some 234 letters, and had received about the same number of replies.

The Secretary further reported that in pursuance of the resolution passed at the adjourned meeting of the Society held on the 23rd day of February past General William S. Stryker had sent to Hon. Levi P. Morton, Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate, and to Hon. Thomas B. Reed, speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States the following telegram:

TRENTON, Feb. 23d, 1891.

The Society of the Cincinnati in session to-night for the purpose of commemorating the birthday of the immortal Washington, respectfully but earnestly urge upon the United States Senate the passage of the amendment to the bill appropriating the balance necessary to erect a monumental shaft on the site of the important battle fought in the Streets in this City during the Revolutionary War.

WILLIAM CHETWOOD SPENCER,
Secretary.

CLIFFORD STANLEY SIMS,
President.

That said telegram was entered upon the minutes of both houses of Congress, and an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars had been made toward the erection of said monument, provided the citizens of the State of New Jersey should raise fifteen thousand dollars, and that the Secretary had been informed by General William S. Stryker that said last mentioned sum had been raised so that said appropriation had become operative and due.

On motion, it was resolved, that the above facts be entered at length on the minutes.

The Standing Committee announce the deaths of Major John Coddington Kenney, and John La Farge Bonnell.

The rules being suspended by unanimous consent on motion, it was resolved, that hereafter the sum required to be paid by applicants for admission to membership in this Society under the provision of Rule No. 2 be \$500.

Resolved, that all bills against the Society shall be approved by the President before payment by the Treasurer.

On motion, it was resolved, that when this Society adjourn, it do so adjourn to meet at Trenton on the 26th day of December next, at an hour and place to be fixed by the President.

1891. Dec. 26.

The President then reported verbally that the Standing Committee had no formal written report to make. But would state that Dr. Herman Burgin had presented his resignation as a Trustee of the Society, and that the Committee would recommend the acceptance of the same.

On motion, it was resolved, that the resignation of Dr. Herman Burgin, as a Trustee of the Society, be accepted.

On motion, it was resolved, that William S. Stryker be and is hereby elected and constituted one of the Trustees of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, in the place and stead of Herman Burgin resigned, and that the proper officers of the Society be and they are hereby authorized and directed to furnish the necessary certificates of this action, to procure the transfer to the present trustees of the securities and funds belonging to the Society.

On motion, it was resolved, that whereas serious charges have been made against Doctor Herman Burgin, late Treasurer of this Society, that the same be referred to the Standing Committee to hear and examine in regard to the truth of the said charges, and that the said Committee do report thereon to this Society at its next regular meeting.

The Society then took a recess, and at the invitation of the Committee of Arrangements attended the ceremonies connected with the laying of the corner stone of the monument commemorating the battle of Trenton, after which it returned to its place of meeting and entertained at dinner a number of distinguished guests. Numerous patriotic toasts were drunk and responded to by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Secretary General of the Society and others.

At the invitation of the Society, the Societies of The Sons of the Revo-

lution, and "The Sons of the American Revolution" were present during the addresses and responses to the toasts.

The Society then adjourned, after which the Society attended the meeting, and concluding ceremonies at Taylor's Opera House, connected with the laying of the corner stone of the Trenton Battle Monument.

1892. July 4.

It having been impossible to obtain any accommodations at Roselle, N. J. (the place fixed by the Society at its meeting of July 4th, 1891), for its next annual meeting, in accordance with arrangements made, by its President and Committee of Arrangements, the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, met at the Monmouth House, in Spring Lake, N. J.

The Society being called to order by the President (in the absence of the Chaplain), the meeting was opened with prayer by Revd. Dr. Joseph Farrand Tuttle.

The Standing Committee to whom had been specially referred, the charges against Dr. Herman Burgin, then reported as follows:

The Standing Committee in the matter of Dr. H. Burgin beg leave to report the following resolution, believing that the best interests of the Society will be thereby subserved. Resolved, that the resignation of Dr. Herman Burgin from membership in the Society be accepted upon his compliance with the agreement made by him with the Standing Committee of the Society to the satisfaction of said Committee, and that upon receipt in writing by the Secretary of notification from the Committee to that effect, he notify Dr. Burgin of such acceptance of said resignation.

On motion, it was resolved, that the report be accepted and approved, and that the said resolution be adopted. On motion, it was resolved, that the President appoint a committee of three to collect all documents pertaining to the Revolution, and if deemed advisable to publish a book containing a history of the Institution of the Cincinnati, a list of the property belonging to the Society and any other matter for training thought.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting make provisions for obtaining some prominent gentleman to make an address at the dinner on that day.

On motion, it was resolved, that the place where the next annual meeting of the Society should be held, should be left to the discretion of the Committee of Arrangements.

On motion, it was resolved, that an adjourned meeting of the Society should be held on the 22d day of February next, at such place as the Committee of Arrangements should select.

At the request of the President, General William S. Stryker made a statement in regard to the Monument in course of erection upon the battleground of Trenton.

On motion, it was resolved, that this Society order the modeling and placing in position on the Trenton Battle Monument of a historical bronze tablet with the insignia of the Society, and an inscription that it had been donated by the Society thereon, and that four hundred dollars be appro-

priated out of the monies of the Society to pay for the same, and that General Stryker be appointed a committee of one to attend to the same.

On motion, it was resolved, that the first minute book together with the other records and archives of the Society not necessary for present use, be deposited in the vaults of the Trenton Safe Deposit Company of Trenton, and that a list of papers and archives be prepared, and the same to be receipted for by the Secretary, said list to be presented to the Society at its next annual meeting and entered in the minutes.

1893. Feb. 22.

The Standing Committee report that Rear Admiral John Cumming Howell, United States Navy, a member of the Society, having died at Folkestone, England, on 12th September, 1892, that they advise the adoption of the following minute:

The members of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, desire to give expression of their regret for the death of their associate, Rear Admiral, John Cumming Howell, United States Navy.

On motion, it was further resolved:

That the action of the Standing Committee in authorizing the President to accept the resignation of Dr. Herman Burgin whenever he was notified by the Vice-President of the final adjustment of the accounts of said Dr. Herman Burgin as the late Treasurer of this Society be and the same is hereby approved, and the action of the President under said authority in accepting the resignation of said Herman Burgin under date of October 12th, 1892, or any other date is hereby satisfied, approved, and made the action of this Society.

The Society then took a recess, during which it entertained at dinner the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Hon. Asa Bird Gardiner, Secretary General of the Society of the Cincinnati and other distinguished guests, after which the Society adjourned.

1893. July 4.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, met pursuant to adjournment at the Monmouth House, Spring Lake, New Jersey.

The President then made a statement in regard to the correspondence carried on by him, and also as to the papers and records of the Society and what steps he had taken to preserve them and for their safe keeping.

The Secretary also made a statement of the correspondence carried on by him for the Society.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 4th, 1892, and February 22d, 1893, were read and approved.

The Standing Committee reported as follows: That they had appointed a committee of two (Messrs. W. C. Spencer and W. P. Barber) to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer, Mr. David P. Thomas.

That General William S. Stryker stated to your Committee that he had arranged for the placing of the bronze tablet by the Society on the Trenton Battle Monument.

On motion, it was resolved, that in the future the Treasurer shall give a bond for one thousand dollars, the expense of procuring the same to be paid by the Society.

1893. Oct. 19.

A special meeting was held at the Trenton House, Trenton, N. J., to take action in regard to the death of the late Hon. Hamilton Fish, late President General of the Society of the Cincinnati.

The meeting being called to order, and a quorum being present, announcement of the death at Garrisons, in the State of New York, on the 7th instant, of the Honorable Hamilton Fish, late President General of the Order of the Cincinnati.

The members of the Society in the State of New Jersey, desire to give expression to their sorrow at the death of their distinguished fellow member, and their appreciation of the loss the Cincinnati has thereby sustained.

It was directed that the foregoing minutes be placed upon the records of this Society, and that copies thereof be forwarded to Mr. Nicholas Fish, the Secretary General, and to the Secretaries of the other State Societies.

The Society then adjourned.

After the adjournment, the Society attended the unveiling of the Trenton Battle Monument, and the presentation by the President on behalf of the Society of a bronze tablet for the same.

1894. Feb. 22.

The Society was called to order by the President, and the Chaplain being absent, the roll was called.

The President announced the deaths of Mr. W. W. Thomas and David P. Thomas late Treasurer of the Society.

[From this point the minutes are made from the minutes compiled by General W. S. Stryker, President. W. T. B. S. Imlay, Secretary.]

Resolved, that the President be authorized to appoint a committee of three to select appropriate places and erect thereon suitable monuments commemorating the event happening at such place during the war of the Revolution, and that the same has been contributed by the Society of the Cincinnati, the expense not to exceed the amount appropriated therefor by the Trustees.

Mr. Imlay offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to consist of the President, the Secretary and Adjutant General Stryker, to examine the minutes of the Society from its organization, to find what orations were delivered before the Society, to collect the same or copies thereof, and to have the same printed at the expense of such members as may desire to contribute.

The President announced that he had appointed the following committee in regard to the erection of monuments, etc.: Messrs. Imlay, Jackson and Stryker.

1894. July 4.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, met this day at the Monmouth House, Spring Lake, New Jersey.

In the afternoon of the previous day the Society, through its representatives, Clifford Stanley Sims and William Scudder Stryker, had dedicated a monument of granite with a bronze historical tablet, on the scene of the massacre of Pulaski's troop at Egg Harbor a few miles south of Tuckerton, New Jersey.

The Society being called to order by the President, the meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain.

The deed of the property on which the Pulaski Monument was placed was presented by the President, and the bills of the Monument Committee, two hundred and thirty-four dollars and twelve cents (\$234.12), are recommended to the Society for payment.

Your Committee state that the accounts of the late Treasurer, Mr. David P. Thomas, have been audited, found correct, and the balance turned over to the present Treasurer.

On motion, it was resolved, that the place of holding the next meeting of the Society be left to the discretion of the Committee of Arrangements, and that the adjourned winter meeting be held at Jersey City, if the Committee of Arrangements can make satisfactory arrangements therefor.

The President announced the death of the following members of the Society:

John Bear Piatt.

Hon. Frederick Beasley Ogden.

Hon. Charles Smith Scott.

On motion, it was resolved, that the Treasurer be and was instructed to pay the bills for the costs and expenses of erecting the Pulaski Monument.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Spencer and adopted:

Resolved, that the President appoint a committee to examine the present By-Laws of the Society, and report to the Society such amendments and supplements thereto as in their opinions may be advisable.

The President appointed as this Committee, Messrs. Bedle, Harris and Spencer.

The President appointed as the Committee on Memorial Tablets for the ensuing year, Messrs. Stryker, Imlay and Harris.

A recess was then taken, dinner was served, and an address was read by Genl. William Scudder Stryker on "The Affair of Egg Harbor, New Jersey, October 15th, 1778."

On motion, the paper was ordered to be printed by the Society.

1895. Feb. 22.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, met this day at the Laurel-in-the-Pines, Lakewood, N. J., instead of Jersey City, this being the adjourned meeting of July 4th, 1894.

In the absence of the Chaplain, the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Doctor Humphreys.

The Standing Committee have to announce the deaths of the following members as having occurred since the date of the last meeting, namely :

William Lloyd, an Hereditary member, died 22d September, 1894.

Joseph Dorset Bedle, an Honorary member, died 21st October, 1894.

Leon Abbett, an Honorary member, died 4th December, 1894.

Richard Stockton Cumming, died 18th January, 1895.

The Rev. Dr. Frank Landon Humphreys was selected as an alternate delegate to the General Society.

On motion, the following resolution offered by Mr. Belknap was adopted with reference to a new Society now forming in New York City, calling themselves, "Daughters of the Cincinnati":

Resolved, that the Standing Executive Committee of the Cincinnati be and it is hereby requested to take such steps as will prevent the use of the name of this order in any way not contemplated by the founders thereof.

And be it further Resolved, that the Society of Women incorporated in the City of New York on December 27th, 1894, under the laws of the State of New York by the name and title of the Daughters of the Cincinnati, is an instance of the unauthorized appropriation of the name of this Society.

And be it further Resolved, that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit a duly certified copy of the foregoing to the Secretary General of the Order of the Cincinnati.

1895. July 4.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, met this day at the Elberon Hotel. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, Revd. Samuel Moore Shute, D.D.

The Standing Committee would call attention to the death of Robert Stockton Green, Ex-Governor of the State of New Jersey, Vice-Chancellor and Judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals, and an Honorary Member of this Society who died at Elizabeth, New Jersey, October 21st, 1894.

The President was authorized to appoint a Committee of Arrangements for the ensuing meeting, February 22, 1896, and the summer meeting of July 4th, 1896.

On motion, the President was authorized to dispose of the "Eagle" in his possession to Reverend Doctor Frank Landon Humphrey upon the payment of \$20.

The Society took a recess to allow the members to partake of the annual dinner after which the gentlemen responded to the several toasts proposed.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet February 22d, 1896.

1896. Feb. 22.

Pursuant to adjournment, the annual meeting of July 4th, 1895, was continued this day at the Laurel-in-the-Pines.

The Standing Committee would respectfully recommend:

First: That Frederick Wolcott Jackson be elected as member of the Standing Committee in place of Luther Foster Halsey, deceased.

Second: That Luther Murphy Halsey be selected an Hereditary member in place of his late father, Luther Foster Halsey. Recommendations adopted.

A recess being taken to afford the members and guests an opportunity to partake of the dinner, after which the President dismissed the Society with the prayer, "That on the Fourth wherever we may be, may God be with us all."

1896. March 28.

Pursuant to the following call:

I am hereby directed by Vice-President Buck, acting President, to call an extraordinary meeting of the Society for Saturday, March 28th, at three o'clock in the State House, Trenton, New Jersey.

On motion, the reading of the minutes were omitted.

Communications from the Society of the Cincinnati in the States of Massachusetts and South Carolina, were received and ordered placed on file and acknowledgments sent to the respective Societies by the Secretary.

The following report from the Standing Committee was on motion received:

Trenton, N. J., March 28, 1896.

To the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey:

Your Standing Committee would respectfully report that acting under the power vested in them by Article Nine, of the By-Laws, they have appointed:

Franklin Davenport Howell, a member of the Committee, to revise the By-Laws in place of Robert Stockton Green, deceased.

William Scudder Stryker, a member of the Standing Executive Committee of the General Society, in place of Clifford Stanley Sims, deceased.

John Clark Sims, as delegate to the General Society in place of Clifford Stanley Sims, deceased.

Franklin Davenport Howell, alternate, in place of John Clark Sims, appointed delegate, and John Clark Sims, trustee in place of Clifford Stanley Sims, deceased.

A paper prepared as a tribute to the late President, Clifford Stanley Sims who died March 6, 1896, by Reverend Doctor Frank Landon Humphreys, was read by the Secretary, and on motion, was ordered placed on file and presented at annual meeting, July 4th, 1896.

On motion of Mr. Henry Schenck Harris, a committee of three to be appointed by the acting President, was directed to prepare resolutions relative to the death of the late President:

Elberon, N. J., July 4, 1896.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, met this day at the Elberon Hotel.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, Samuel Moore Shute.

The minutes of the annual meeting, July 4th, 1895, and the adjourned meeting of July 4th, 1895, held February 22d, 1896, also of the Special meeting of March 28th, 1896, were read and approved.

Your Committee, on Memorial Tablets, having been informed in September, 1895, that the Bucks County Historical Society, Bucks County,

Pennsylvania, proposed to erect a monumental tablet at Taylorsville, near the spot where Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas night of 1776, at the suggestion of Judge Sims, resolved to erect a tablet in the name of our Society on the New Jersey side of the river, and, if possible, to dedicate the New Jersey Monument on the same day that the monument on the Pennsylvania side was dedicated.

The plan was carried out, the tablet was made and placed upon a block of granite in a lot which was deeded to the New Jersey Society by the living heirs of the Nedson Estate, and on October 15th, 1895, this monument was dedicated in the little village of Washington's Crossing, Mercer County, New Jersey.

General Stryker, of this Society, made the historical address at the meeting, and copies of this will be given to all who desire.

The Committee appointed by Acting President Buck at the extraordinary meeting of the Society held at the State House, Trenton, N. J., March 28th, 1896, to prepare resolutions relative to the death of our late President, Honorable Clifford Stanley Sims reported:

Resolved, that the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, has learned with profound sorrow of the death on March 3d, 1896, at Trenton, New Jersey, of the Honorable Clifford Stanley Sims then President of the Society:

Resolved, that the Society hereby expresses its high appreciation of his lofty character and eminent intellectual ability, and also its grateful estimation of the great value of his years of devoted service to its advancement and welfare:

Resolved, that the solicitous sympathy of the Society be extended to the bereaved widow and children of our beloved brother, and that in manifestation thereof these resolutions be spread in full on the minutes, and an engrossed copy be delivered to the family of the deceased President.

On motion, the resolutions were adopted, and the Secretary was directed to have an engrossed copy prepared and delivered to the family.

Mr. H. D. Maxwell offered a resolution that two flags be procured for the Society, one a National Flag, the other the Flag of the Society.

The resolution was referred to the Standing Committee with power.

Resolved, that the office of Trustees is hereby abolished.

An adjournment was taken to enable the members and guests to partake of the dinner and listen to the toasts and addresses.

1897. Feb. 22.

The adjourned annual meeting of July 4th, 1896, of the Society, was held in the Trenton House, Trenton, N. J., to-day.

The report of the Trustees was received, accepted, and ordered placed on file.

Whereas, Mr. W. C. Spencer has presented to the Society two typewritten copies of the minutes from 1872 to 1895, therefore, the Secretary be directed to tender him the thanks of the Society for his considerate action.

Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of the Society that we have lost

the following members by death, viz.: Col. W. Potter, Major W. R. Kinney and Hon. Mercer Beasley, it is ordered that resolutions of sympathy be sent to the families of the deceased members, and spread upon the minutes.

The thanks of the Society is extended to the Trenton Monument Association for the passes placed at the disposal of the Society.

The Committee on By-Laws reported progress and asked to be continued.

Mr. T. T. Kinney was elected a member of the Tablet Committee.

A recess was taken to allow the members and guests to partake of the dinner, after which the meeting was called to order by the President, the Institution of the Society was read by the Secretary, and Washington's farewell address by Mr. F. W. Jackson.

The Rev. Dr. Mott, Vice-President of the New Jersey Historical Society, delivered an oration.

1897. July 5.

The following recommendations of the Standing Committee were adopted:

That whereas, on account of increasing age and ill-health our chaplain, Rev. Dr. Samuel Moore Shute, has offered his resignation, Resolved that the same be not accepted.

That all "Eagles" that in the future may be purchased by honorary members are, at the death of the honorary member, to be surrendered to the President of the Society, who is directed to cause the Treasurer to pay to the legal representative of such deceased member a sum not to exceed \$35 for the same. Notice of this requirement is to be given to each honorary member upon his election.

That the Committee on Roster be directed, in preparing the same, to publish only the military, civil and educational records of members.

That the President be directed to purchase Cincinnati literature and have the same bound and stamped with the name of the Society. Not more than \$50 to be expended in any one year for this purpose.

That the Secretary be directed to have identification cards prepared for the purpose of enabling members to purchase ribbon and insignia, and that the Secretary-General be notified of this action.

The Standing Committee reported the death of Colonel Anthony Eugene Stocker of Philadelphia, Pa., who died in that city May 23, 1897. They would recommend that a minute be prepared and sent to the family of the deceased. Recommendation adopted.

The Secretary was directed to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. A. O. Dayton for the train accommodations that had been made for the members.

The Committee on By-laws presented their report, and on motion it was Resolved, That the consideration of the By-laws be deferred to the February meeting and that a printed copy be sent to each member of the Society.

That in the notice of the February meeting the Secretary be directed

to notify members that the adoption of the by-laws would come up at that time."

The claim of Mr. T. K. Chutkowski was laid on the table.

A recess was taken to allow the members and guests to partake of the dinner, after which the Society was called to order by the President. The Declaration of Independence was read by the Secretary, Mr. Imlay.

Mr. William Pennington read a paper on "The Beginnings of the Society Cincinnati."

Addresses were made by Dr. E. Weirfield of Lafayette College and the Rev. Dr. Baker, of Wilmington, Delaware.

The President appointed Messieurs Howell, Stockton and Harris a Committee of Arrangements for the adjourned meeting to be held at Princeton, New Jersey, February 22, 1898.

1898. Feb. 22.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Society met in Princeton, N. J. The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The Standing Committee made the following recommendation, which was adopted:

That the consideration of the proposed new By-laws be deferred until the meeting in July, 1898.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Shute was received and on motion his resignation was accepted. The Secretary was directed to express the regret of the Society to Dr. Shute in thus losing his presence and advice.

A recess was taken for dinner, after which the Society was called to order by the President. The Institution was read by the Secretary and the Declaration of Independence by Mr. F. W. Jackson.

Dr. T. M. Cheesman read a paper on "The Campaign Before Quebec." Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. F. Patton, Capt. Mahan and Commissioner Enright.

On motion adjourned.

1898. July 4.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, met on account of the intense heat on the lawn of the Hathaway Inn. In the absence of the Chaplain, prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Allen, of Newark, N. J., a guest of the Society.

The minutes of the adjourned annual meeting, July 4th, 1897, held at Princeton, N. J., Feb. 22, 1898, were read and approved:

Resolved, that all dies of the Society now in possession of any member be returned to the Secretary, who shall refund to the owner whatever he may have paid for the same. Any member desiring official stationery must apply to the Secretary for same:

Resolved, that a piece of colonial furniture now in the building known as Washington's Headquarters at Rocky Hill, N. J., be purchased by the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, and be presented to the Washington Headquarters Association, and that a silver plate be placed on

the same, designating it as the gift of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, to the Washington Headquarters Association, at Rocky Hill, New Jersey. That the expenses are not to exceed fifty dollars, and that Mr. F. D. Howell be appointed a committee to carry out the foregoing resolution.

The Standing Committee would respectfully report the death of Genl. Robert Field Stockton.

The Standing Committee desires to announce the death at Baltimore, Maryland, July 1, 1898, of Assistant Treasurer, General Richard Merideth McSherry, and to express to the Maryland Society its deep regret at the loss of this distinguished member of their Order.

A recess being taken, the members and guests partook of the dinner, after which the Institution of the order was read by the Secretary, and the Declaration of Independence by Mr. Charles H. Woodruff.

Addresses were made by Ex-President Harrison, Governor Voorhees, Rev. Dr. Allen of Newark and General Daniel E. Sickles.

While the Rev. Dr. Allen was speaking, a messenger handed President Harrison a telegram. He immediately arose, interrupted the speaker and, with flushed face and voice showing suppressed emotion, announced the capture of Cervera's fleet in the harbor of Santiago. For a moment there was silence, then as the full import of the news broke upon the audience, members of the Society and guests of the hotel broke into a round of enthusiastic applause, ladies waved fans and handkerchiefs while the men shook each other's hands in congratulation. A voice struck up "Hail Columbia" and then "America," in which all enthusiastically joined.

This closed one of the most eventful meetings of the Society.

W. T. B. S. IMLAY, Secretary.

1899. Feb. 22.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Society met at Summit, New Jersey. No business transacted. At the dinner addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Buckley, Gen. James Grant Wilson and Canon Knowles.

1899. July 4.

The meeting was called to order by the President. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The several recommendations of the Standing Committee were adopted with the exception of the sixth, which was rejected, as information was given the Society that Mr. Robert Wallace Burnet had left a son who would be the natural representative of Surgeon General William Burnet.

The Committee on Flags reported progress.

A recess was taken for dinner, after which the President called the Society to order. The Institution was read by the Secretary, and addresses made by guests of the Society.

1900. Feb. 22.

The Flag Committee report that they had procured proper colors for the Society, consisting of a United States flag, a New Jersey State flag, and a Cincinnati Standard. The flags would be displayed for the first time at the dinner this evening.

The report of the Committee was received and accepted, and the Committee discharged with the thanks of the Society.

The Standing Committee recommend that a certified copy of the following resolution, which is now offered and recommended to the Society for adoption, be sent to Hon. Charles S. Littlefield, member of Congress from Maine, Washington, D. C., viz.: "Resolved, That the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey, desires to express its unanimous wish that the Congress of the United States would see fit to make an appropriation for a suitable monument to the memory of General Henry Knox, the distinguished Chief of Artillery of the American Army in the War of the Revolution, and we hereby memorialize Congress to grant this petition."

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted. Resolved, that this Society express to its fellow member, the Rev. Doctor Frank L. Humphreys, their pleasure and gratitude in accepting from him the gift of the President's gavel, made from the wood of a tree grown at Mount Vernon.

Resolved, that this Society, at its semi-annual meeting on Washington's Birthday, desires to place on record its hearty expressions of satisfaction at the dignified and fitting ceremonial instituted and carried out by the General Society of this Order, on the fourteenth of December last, at Saint Paul's Chapel, New York, in commemoration of the death of the illustrious Father of his country.

The Standing Committee desire to call your attention to the death of our fellow-members, Abraham Stout and Hon. John P. Stockton.

A recess being taken for the purpose of partaking of dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria where were gathered representatives of all the State Societies of the Cincinnati, and the following distinguished guests:

Hon. J. B. Pioda, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Republic, Washington, D. C.; Hon. John S. Wise; Colonel Theodore A. Dodge, U. S. A.; Mr. William Nelson; Rev. J. B. Chidwick, of the "Maine," and Mr. J. C. Tomlinson. All of whom addressed the Society.

1900. July 4.

The President, General W. S. Stryker, called the meeting to order. Mr. F. W. Jackson offered prayer.

A recess was taken to partake of dinner, after which the Society was called to order by the President. The Institution was read by the Secretary, and Historic papers on General Maxwell by H. D. Maxwell, and on Col. Oliver Spencer, by Mr. Gales.

1901. Feb. 22.

The Committee of Arrangements, in accordance with the suggestion of the Standing Committee of the Society, accepted the invitation of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey and the Society of the Cincinnati, in the

State of New Jersey, met in the Assembly Chamber in the State Capitol this day at 12 M., Dr. F. L. Humphreys, having been elected President, called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

On motion, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions concerning the death of William Bowen Buck, and present them to the Society, July 4th, 1901.

On motion, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions concerning the death of John Clarke Sims and Thomas Talmadge Kinney.

The President appointed Messrs. McGee, Wilson and Barber.

Mr. Harris offered the following resolutions which were adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, that this Society place upon its ever-to-be preserved record its high appreciation and love for Major General William Scudder Stryker, LL.D., gallant soldier, efficient officer; for thirty-three years Adjutant General of the State, historian and scholar for four years, and at the close of his life the loved and honored President of the Society:

Resolved, that to his widow and children we give our deep sympathy and the assurance that we mourn his untimely death on the 29th day of October, nineteen hundred, as an irreparable loss to the Society of the Cincinnati:

The following communication was received from the New York State Society of the Cincinnati. It is with great sorrow that I announce to the brothers of your Society the death in this City on the 16th inst. of our esteemed and beloved President, General William Greene Ward.

Faithfully yours,

TALBOT OLIPHANT,
Secretary.

1901. January 17.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas the New York State Society of the Cincinnati has suffered great loss in the death of its President, William Greene Ward, therefore be it Resolved by the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey that it extends to the New York Society its sympathy in their affliction, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the New York Society.

Resolved, that to the family of General Stryker there be sent an engrossed copy of these resolutions.

Extracts from the Institution were read by Capt. F. D. Howell.

Mr. F. M. McGee read a paper prepared by the late Vice-President, William Bowen Buck on the late President General Stryker.

The Secretary, Mr. Imlay, delivered the eulogy upon the late President, General William Scudder Stryker.

Hon. S. H. Grey made an historical address.

Hon. Mr. Whitehead, of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented a memorial concerning the late President, which he asked to have sent to Mrs. Stryker.

Mr. Harris offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be given to the Honorable Foster M. Voorhees, Governor of New Jersey, for his kindness and courtesy to us on this occasion. Resolved, that the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, express to the Senate and General Assembly of the State their gratitude for their resolution giving them the use of the Senate and Assembly chambers for this day:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Society be extended to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to the Adjutant General, Oliphant, for their kindness and courtesy in connection with the present meeting. Mr. Woodruff offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting with the resolutions and addresses presented be printed for preservation in the archives of the Society as a perpetual memorial and for distribution.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Standing Committee, reported that the Committee acting under the provisions of Sec. IX., of the By-Laws, had appointed to fill the vacancy that existed in the offices, President and Vice-President of the Society, Dr. Frank Landon Humphreys, President, and Captain Franklin Davenport Howell, Vice-President. The President and Vice-President to serve until next Fourth of July, when the election will take place. On motion, adjourned.

1901. July 4.

Meeting was called to order by the President.

The following communications relative to the death of Genl. W. S. Stryker were received. From the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of Massachusetts; Society of Cincinnati, in the State of South Carolina; Society of Cincinnati, in the State of New York; Society of Cincinnati, in the State of Maryland, and from the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Rhode Island. They were ordered placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge their receipt.

Mr. Maxwell reports as follows for the committee on William Bowen Buck's resolution,

Whereas, in the death of William Bowen Buck, for many years Vice-President of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, this Society has suffered a great loss, therefore be it Resolved, that the following minute be made upon the records of this Society:

William Bowen Buck was admitted to this Society in 1856, and was at the time of his death its senior member.

He has continuously labored faithfully in its interest. His courteous and genial manner made him not only highly respected, but loved by his fellow members, and his death will be greatly felt by this Society.

The Committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Mr. John Clarke Sims and Mr. Thomas Talmadge Kinney reported as follows:

Mr. Sims was admitted to membership in this Society, July 4, 1875, and was therefore one of the oldest members.

His kindly nature and courteous manner endeared him to every one, his large experience on the executive staff of a great corporation, and his large business experience made him a most valuable member of this Society. He gave much of his time and thought to its interests, his family relations are said to have been ideal, and his whole neighborhood mourned him. John Clarke Sims more than any man of his day succeeded in retaining the confidence and warm friendship of all the many antagonistic classes that make a great city, a great university, and a great corporation. No one appreciated better than he the changing conditions of modern life, and no one more successfully reached the happy mean of keeping up-to-date without offensive radicalism. He saw and showed that he recognized the good that existed in men and measures not entirely popular, and he was quick to adapt it to possible reforms.

This Society, desires to express its great sense of its loss, and to extend to his family its deepest sympathy.

Sometimes a man drops out of the life, and the world goes on the same as before, without any note being left of his disappearance. Not so with our brother, Thomas T. Kinney.

Stalwart, rugged, yet kindly and affectionate, a man of affairs, a born leader of men, one who was always in the forefront of the effort of his time, his death is a distinct loss to this generation.

In his death we have lost an active member, a kindly friend, and one who graced our Society, and we shall miss at every meeting his cheery voice, his helpful counsel, and his kindly ways:

Resolved, that these minutes be spread in full on the records of the Society.

The reports of the committee were received and accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

1902. Feb. 22.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, held no business meeting, but had a dinner at the Hotel Waldorf, New York.

Addresses were made by General D. S. Sickles, Col. Asa Bird Gardner and Supt. W. H. Maxwell.

1902. July 4.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

1903. Feb. 23.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, dined at the Hotel Bellevue, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Fraser offered the following resolution which was adopted:

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the States of New Jersey and Delaware, send cordial greeting to their Sister Society of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in whose territory all are jointly and severally celebrating the

one hundred and seventy-first anniversary of the birth of the immortal Father of his country.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in New Jersey and in Delaware, wish their sister Society of Pennsylvania a continuation of her prosperous and honorable career, and trust that each succeeding anniversary of the Nation's birth and of Washington's birth may strengthen the ties between all the State branches of our common and ever glorious Society of the Cincinnati.

Several members of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of Delaware dined with our Society.

1903. July 4.

The annual meeting of the Society was called to order by the President. The minutes of July 4th, 1902, were read and approved.

The Standing Committee reported that the Treasurer's accounts had been audited, found correct, and approved.

The Standing Committee reported the following deaths:

Mr. Aaron Ogden Dayton, October 14, 1902, at Camden, New Jersey. Mr. Dayton was the grand-nephew and representative of Captain Jonathan Dayton.

Mr. William Case Osmun, on December 11, 1902, at Plainfield, New Jersey. Mr. Osmun was the grand-nephew and representative of Brevet Captain Benajah Osmun.

The Secretary was directed to send the following minutes to the respective families of our deceased brethren and to spread them on the minutes of the Society:

The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey having heard of the death on October 14, 1902, of Mr. Aaron Ogden Dayton, the grand-nephew of Captain Jonathan Dayton, they would tender to his family our deep sense of loss at the death of our fellow-member and our sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

Whereas, the Society has heard of the death of Mr. William Case Osmun, who died at Plainfield, New Jersey, December 16, 1902, they would tender to the family of our deceased brother the sympathy of the society in this their hour of affliction.

The Special Committee on place of meeting reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the fixing of the place for holding the meetings of the Society in the State of New Jersey, and the advisability of conferring with the Governor of New Jersey in reference to the Society holding their meetings in the State House at Trenton, respectfully report the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that the meetings of the Society be held at or near some historic locality of Revolutionary interest within the State of New Jersey:

2. Resolved, that President Humphreys, Vice-President Howell, and his Excellency, Governor Murphy, be and hereby are appointed a committee to endeavor to obtain permission for the Society to hold such meetings of the Society as are held in Trenton in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol.

Dr. Frazer offered the following:

Resolved, that a special committee of not less than three members be appointed by the President, to ascertain what measures, if any, may be adopted to bring into closer affiliation the several State branches of the Society:

Resolved, that the committee ascertain the sentiment of the members of the Societies in adjoining States as to the desirability of uniting as Societies in a joint reunion dinner to be given on the next and subsequent anniversaries of the birthday of Washington, and in case of the approval of any such Society that it recommend the best means for carrying such plan into effect.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

(In April, 1904, the President appointed as the committee Dr. P. Frazer, Chairman; Messrs. Dayton, Barber, Pennington and Inlay.)

The President, on motion, appointed as a committee to revise the By-Laws. Messrs. Campbell, Cheesman, Maxwell and Inlay.

1904. Feb. 22.

The Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey, met in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol in Trenton, New Jersey, February 22, 1904, at 12 M.

The meeting was called to order by the President. In the absence of the Chaplain, prayer was offered by Mr. F. W. Jackson.

The President, Dr. Humphreys, presented the Society with a Cincinnati flag, which was accepted with thanks by Mr. F. W. Jackson, on behalf of the Society.

The Institution was read by the Vice-President, Mr. F. D. Howell.

No business was brought for action before the Society.

The oration was delivered by Hon. John W. Griggs. Addresses were made by Hon. W. Potter and the Bishop of Michigan.

A vote of thanks was given to the Senate and Governor for courtesies extended to the Society, and the Secretary was directed to convey the same.

1904. July 4.

The annual meeting was called to order by the President.

The Standing Committee called attention to the death of Hon. Samuel Howell Gray, an Honorary Member, on December 7, 1903. Of Mr. Horace Phillips on May 7, 1904, and of Mr. Frederick Wolcott Jackson on June 14, 1904.

The following resolution was adopted:

Mr. Frederick Wolcott Jackson was made an honorary member of the Society in 1885 and an Hereditary Member in 1888; a member of the Standing Committee in 1895, and served as Delegate to the General Society until his election as an officer of that body in 1899.

Mr. Jackson, through his integrity and noble bearing, has endeared himself to the members of this Committee, and by his clear intellect materially aided in the deliberations of our body.

Having just passed the age of three-score years and ten, he honorably

fulfilled the duties of a more than usually active life, and though his absence from our meetings will be sorely felt, we can but acquiesce in the decree of Providence. Inscribe after his name the record, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the above resolution to the family of Mr. Jackson.

Dr. Frazer, for the committee, appointed to confer with other Societies relative to a joint dinner, reported as follows: Gentlemen of the Society of the Cincinnati, in the State of New Jersey.

The Committee appointed at the last regular meeting of this Society, to ascertain the sentiment of the members of the Societies, in adjacent States, as to the desirability of uniting (as Societies) in a joint reunion dinner to be given on the next and subsequent anniversaries of the birthday of Washington; and in case of the approval of such Societies to recommend the best means for carrying the plan into effect, has the honor to report as follows:

Your committee deeming it judicious to elicit unofficially the opinions of the various Societies referred to, before recommending this Society to commit itself to a formal invitation, addressed notes to the officers of the Societies in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, requesting them to inform it, each for his own Society, of the attitude of the members towards the plan above indicated.

The officers of four of the six Societies addressed, viz.: Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware and Maryland, regard with favor the proposition to hold a joint dinner of the Societies of adjacent States on February 22d, but the latter Society will be unable to take part owing to the fact that its annual meeting occurs on that date.

The Society in New York will submit the question to its members on the coming Fourth of July.

The Society in Pennsylvania has pronounced against such a reunion.

In view of these facts your Committee recommends that it be continued for the purpose of receiving the notifications of the Secretaries of the Societies in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Delaware, of the action taken respectively by the Societies of these States at their approaching annual meeting on the Fourth of July.

Upon the receipt of these, the promised notifications, which will be forwarded to the Secretary of this Society, your Committee recommends that the said Secretary be instructed on behalf of this Society to invite through their Secretaries those State Societies which shall have expressed their desire to join in a reunion dinner on the coming 22d of February and subsequent anniversaries of Washington's birthday, to meet with it in such joint celebration and dinner at such hour and place as the committee of arrangements to be authorized by the respective standing committees of the Societies invited and of this Society, may determine.

Respectfully submitted,

PERSIFOR FRAZER, Chairman.

W. T. B. S. IMLAY.

WILLIAM PENNINGTON.

Dr. Frazer also reported the following minority report.

The undersigned members of the committee appointed to consider the matter of bringing into closer affiliation the several State branches of this Society, beg leave to report that they are unable to concur in the report of the majority of this committee, as their recommendations to unite with the other State branches at a meeting on February 22d next, and on subsequent Washington's birthdays would, if adopted, prevent the carrying out of the present satisfactory arrangements for meeting in the Senate chamber at Trenton, and the purpose of making this place of meeting on February 22d permanent.

(Signed.)

WILLIAM P. BARBER.
HUGHES DAYTON.

Both reports were received and the recommendations of the majority report were adopted.

The Secretary was authorized to procure a stenographer when necessary in transcribing Society matters.

1905. Feb. 22.

Washington Hotel, Jersey City,

The adjourned meeting of the Society was called to order by the President.

The following recommendations of the Standing Committee were adopted:

1. That the Secretary be directed to complete the abstract of the minutes to the present time.

2. That the Secretary be directed to have 50 blue books bound in cloth, and that he be directed to supply each member with one, and to charge \$1.00 each for all desired in excess of the one given by the Society.

In the evening the Society joined with the New York Society at dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York.

1905. July 4.

The meeting was called to order by the President, prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was omitted.

A communication from the New York State Society through its Secretary, relative to the non-eligibility of Cortlandt Schuyler Van Rennselaer, was ordered placed on file.

A communication from Laura A. Howell, relative to the death of her brother, A. B. Howell, informed the Society that his nephew, Frank W. Nelson, of Burlington, Kansas, was the person next in line to succeed him. The communication was ordered placed on file, and the Secretary was directed to communicate with Mr. Nelson.

A communication from the President was received, but no action was taken thereon.

On motion, of Dr. Cheesman, it was ordered that a nomination com-

mittee consisting of five members, two of whom should not be members of the Standing Committee, be appointed.

On motion of Dr. Cheesman, this committee consisted of Messrs. Barber, Hendry, Maxwell, Montgomery and Ogden.

The Committee on By-Laws reported progress.

Messrs. F. D. Howell and P. A. Hendry were appointed a committee to examine the securities held by the designated depository for securities owned by the Society, that they make an examination just prior to the annual meeting, and at the same time obtain from the safe depository the amount of income paid to the Treasurer for the year next preceding the annual meeting, and report to the Standing Committee.

It was resolved, that the Secretary be and is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase for the Society at a reasonable price, one copy of "Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolution," edited by General W. S. Stryker, and published by authority of the State of New Jersey, and also one copy of "Heitmans' Historical Register of Officers in the Continental Army."

The Secretary was directed to extend the thanks of the Society to the Washington Headquarters Association for the use of the Headquarters and for courtesies extended.

The nominating committee reported through its Secretary, Mr. Montgomery, that they would present the names of all officers for re-election with the exception of that of the present Secretary, Mr. Imlay, and whereas the Assistant Secretary declined the position, they would present the name of Dr. Cheesman for Secretary, and Mr. Imlay for member of the Standing Committee in place of Dr. Cheesman.

They would also recommend that a set of engrossed resolutions be presented to Mr. Imlay for his long and faithful services.

The report of the Committee in so far as it related to Mr. Imlay was rejected.

1906. Feb. 22.

The meeting was called to order by the President. In the absence of the Chaplain, prayer was offered by the Revd. Dr. Blanchard. Minutes of the meetings of July, 1903; Feb., 1904; July, 1904; Feb., 1905, and July, 1905, were read and approved.

A communication from Mr. Heth Lorton, of the Virginia Society, was received and ordered placed on file.

The Committee on excerpts reported progress. On motion of Dr. Cheesman it was Resolved, That the Committee be directed to submit to the Society the result of their work before proceeding to print.

Mr. Campbell, from the Committee on By-Laws, reported that the Committee had finished a draft of the By-Laws and offered the following resolution: Resolved, That instead of reading the By-Laws as drafted, the said draft be printed and a copy be mailed by the Secretary to every member of the Society.

Mr. Woodruff moved that Dr. Frazer be requested to tender the fol-

lowing resolution to our Vice-President who is now confined to his house sick. Resolved, That the Society has listened with great interest to the report made by Dr. Frazer of the illness of our Vice-President and be it

Resolved, That Dr. Frazer be requested by the Society in meeting assembled to tender to our esteemed officer and brother their profound sympathy with him in his present illness and their earnest hope that he will be speedily restored to health and be with us at our next meeting.

On motion a committee of three was appointed by the President in compliance with the suggestion of the Virginia Society as expressed in the communication of Mr. Heth Lorton. The President appointed as such Committee Messrs. Frazer, Campbell, and Cheesman. Dr. Cheesman declining to serve, Mr. Woodruff was appointed in his place.

1906. July 4.

Meeting was held at Washington Headquarters, Morristown, N. J. It was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Howell, the Chaplain of the Society. In the absence of Mr. Imlay, Mr. W. P. Barber was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of February 22 after being amended as to the communication of Mr. Lorton were approved.

The Committee on excerpts were empowered to go on with the publication of the excerpts at a cost of not over \$500.

Consideration of new by-laws was postponed until the February meeting. By unanimous consent the Secretary was directed to cast a ballot for the same officers for the ensuing year as those now in office.

The following telegram was sent to our Vice-President, lying ill at his home in Philadelphia, Pa.: "The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Jersey sends greeting to the Vice-President and regrets his inability to be present."

The members then adjourned to the First Presbyterian Church, where the services were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Erdman. The Declaration of Independence was read by Dr. Cheesman, and the Institution of the Society by Mr. Woodruff. After the singing of "The Sword of Bunker Hill," a very eloquent oration was delivered by the Revd. W. H. Morgan, D.D., of Newark. The services were closed by a benediction by Revd. Mr. Howell, the Chaplain. The congregation then adjourned to the Green, where the flag was raised for the first time on the new flag staff by Miss Mary Merrill great, great granddaughter of Com. Oliver H. Perry, after which the members of the Society and others proceeded to the Hall adjoining the Headquarters, when the annual dinner was served.

DR. THE TREASURER OF THE CINCINNATI SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY FOR
THE FOLLOWING FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTES.

Subscribed by	When paid	Dated	Int. Com'ing	Amount in Dollars
Lieut. Col. John Conway	23 Oct., 1783	9 Oct., 1783	22 Mch., 1783	60.
Capt. James Bonnell	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Robert Pemberton	"	"	"	40.
Lieut. Ephraim Darby	"	"	"	26.60
Ensign John Read	"	"	"	20.
B. Gen. Elias Dayton	6 May, 1784	1 May, 1784	4 Nov., 1783	125.
Col. Israel Shreve	"	"	"	75.
Col. Oliver Spencer	"	"	"	75.
Col. John N. Cumming	"	"	"	75.
Lieut. Col. J. Forman	"	"	"	60.
Major John Ross	"	"	"	50.
Major John Burrows	"	"	"	50.
Major Samuel Reading	"	"	"	50.
Major Richard Cox	"	"	"	50.
Major Natl. Bowman	"	"	"	50.
Capt. Alex. Mitchell	"	"	"	40.
Capt. John Holmes	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Samuel Hendry	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Jonathan Dayton	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Aaron Ogden	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Able Weyman	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Jeremiah Ballard	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Jonathan Holmes	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Nathl. Leonard	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Cyrus DeHart	"	"	"	40.
Capt. Derick Lane	"	"	"	40.
Capt. William Helmes	"	"	"	40.
Capt. William Barton	"	"	"	40.
" William Piatt	"	"	"	40.
" John Howell	"	"	"	40.
" Absalom Martin	"	"	"	40.
" Jonathan Phillips	"	"	"	40.
" John Heard, Cavalry	"	"	"	50.
" James Heard	"	"	"	50.
" Giles Mead	"	"	"	40.
Surgeon Ebenezer Elmer	"	"	"	60.
" Jacob Harris	"	"	"	60.
Lieut. Luther Halsey	"	"	"	26.60
" Edmond D. Thomas	"	"	"	26.60
" Abram Appleton	"	"	"	26.60

Amount carried forward

Amount brought forward			
Lieut. Samuel Conn ...	6 May, 1784	1 May, 1784	4 Nov., 1783
" John Blair	"	"	"
" Ephraim Whitlock.	"	"	"
" Eden Burrows ...	"	"	"
" John Reed	"	"	"
" John Reucastle ..	"	"	"
" Samuel Seely	"	"	"
" Absalom Bonham..	"	"	"
" William Kersey ..	"	"	"
" Samuel M. Shute	"	"	"
" Jonathan Rhea ..	"	"	"
" John Peck	"	"	"
" Bonajah Osman...	"	"	"
" George Walker ..	"	"	"
" Joseph Buck	"	"	"
" Wessel T. Stout..	"	"	"
Lieut. Abraham Stout...	"	"	"
" Wm. Pennington	"	"	"
Ensign John Bishop	"	"	"
" Wm. Shute	"	"	"
" Peter Faulkner ...	"	"	"
✓ " Almarine Brooks..	"	"	"
" Francis Luce	"	"	"
" Moses Sprowls ...	"	"	"
" William Tuttle ...	"	"	"
" John Hopper	"	"	"
" Jacob Hyer	"	"	"
" Cornelius R. Sydam	"	"	"
Lieut. Chilon Ford	"	"	"
Rev. Andrew Hunter			
(2 notes)	6 July, 1794		
Elias Boudinot, Esq..	6th July (4 notes for		
Lt. Col. David Brearly, Esq.	" (two notes for		
Major Richard Howell, Esq.	"		
Capt. Nathl. Donnell	"		
Capt. Lieut. Seth Bowen	"		
" Lieut. Eli Elmer..	"		
Doctor Lewis Dunham..	5th July, '85		
Doctor George Cample....	4th July, '86	May 1, 1784	Nov. 4, '83
Capt. John Polhemus	" (two certificates		
Col. Matthias Ogden	4th July, '87	"	
Dr. Thomas Henderson	"	1 Mch., 1784	1 Jan., '84
Genl. David Forman	"	13 Nov., 1783	15 Nov., '83
Lieut. Anthony Reckless	1 Dec., '87	1 Mch., '84	3 Nov., '83

Amount carried forward

Amount brought forward				
Col. John Beatty	4 July, 1788	27 July, '86	1 May, '80	88.4
Surg. Jabez Campfield	8 Sept., 1788	1 Mch., '84	4 Nov., '83	60.
Major John Hollinshead	27 May, 1789	20 Dec., '83	1 Jan., '83	80.
Major Bloomfield	22,762 4 July, 1789	Dec. 20, 1783	Jan. 1, 1781	50.
Capt. Lt. Jacob Piatt 22,920		"	"	33.30
Chief Phy. Wm. Burnet	4 July, 1793	13 May, 1793		125.
Surg. Ebenezer Stockton 20,253	5 July, '90	20 Jan., '84	Nov. 4 '83	60.
Chap. J. F. Armstrong 94,908	5 July, '90	31 Mch., '88	Mch. 22, '83	75.
Wm. Burnet, Jr., for				
Major Burnet	4 July, 1793	13 May, 1793		50.
Total amount in certificates				<hr/> \$4,153.96

DR. DR. THE TREASURER OF THE CINCINNATI SOCIETY OF
NEW JERSEY.

1784.			
July 5	To cash recd. on account of expenses of the representation in General Society.....	\$144.60	
1785.			
April	To Amount of Interest as per endorsement on Sundry Notes	20.72	
July 5	To cash recd. on account of expenses of the representation in General Society.....	46.60	
1787.			
April 13	To cash recd. for int. as per endorsement on Sundry Notes	37.30	
July 5	To cash recd. of 13 members 35 per cent. each on acct. of expenses of the representation in General Society	60.60	
	To cash recd. 33 members 25 per cent. each on acct. of expenses of the representation in General Society and appointment of the sum due from this State Society to Major L'Enfant.....	110.00	
	To cash recd. from Capt. Leonard on acct. Expenses	4.00	
1788.			
Jan. 1	To cash recd. for interest as per endorsement on Sundry Notes	30.56	
June 30	To cash recd. of Col. Israel Shreve his proportion of expenses	8.00	
July 4	To cash recd. of sundry members on acct. of expenses	44.60	
Sept. 10	To cash recd. of Captain Jacob Piatt on acct. of expenses	8.00	
1789.			
Jan. 23-30	To cash recd. for int. as per endorsements on Sundry Notes	35.81	
July 4	To cash recd. of Doctor Ebenezer Elmer, Lieut. Anthony Reckless	11.30	
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		\$562.50	
1784	CONTRA.	CR.	
July 5	By cash paid the representatives attending the General Society their expenses in full.....	\$165.60	
1785.			
July 5	By cash paid Mr. Blair by order for advertising the meeting of the Society	1.00	

1787			
July 5	By cash put into the hand of the Honorable Robt. Lettis Hooper the amt. of the sum due Major L'Enfant to be remitted Gen. Knox.....	150.63	
	By cash paid the Hon. Elias Boudinot, Col. David Brearley, and Capt. Jonathan Dayton, their expenses attending the General Society.....	72.25	
23	By cash paid John Phillips, Esq., for filling up fifty-six diplomas	14.00	
1788			
July 4	By cash paid Col. Brearley and Major Bloomfield, their expenses attending the General Society in May last	48.00	
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			\$451.50
1789			
July 4	By Balance in the hand of the Treasurer.....	111.00	
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			\$562.50

CANTONMENT OF THE AMERICAN ARMY.

19th of June, 1783.

At a meeting of the general officers, and the gentlemen delegated by the respective regiments, at a convention for establishing the Society of the Cincinnati, held by the request of the President,

IT WAS RESOLVED, That the bald eagle, carrying the emblems on its breast, be established as the order of the Society, and that the ideas of MAJOR L'ENFANT, respecting it and the manner of its being worn by the members, be adopted. That the order be of the same size, and in every other respect conformable to the said design, which for that purpose is certified by the BARON DE STEUBEN, President of this Convention, and to be deposited in the archives of the Society, as the original, from which all copies are to be made. Also, that silver medals, not exceeding the size of a Spanish milled dollar, with the emblems, as designed by MAJOR L'ENFANT, AND CERTIFIED by the President, be given to each and every member of the Society, together with a diploma, on parchment, whereon shall be impressed the exact figures of the order, and medal, as above mentioned; anything in the original Institution, respecting gold medals, to the contrary notwithstanding.

MAJOR L'ENFANT'S letter is as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, 10th June, 1783.

"MY GENERAL: Immediately on receiving your letter of the 20th May, which I met by accident at the post office, on the 7th inst., I set myself about the plan of the medal. I send you both faces of the design, which I have made large, so that you may better judge of them. In the execution they can be reduced to a convenient size, which, on account of the precision required in the design, ought not to be less than a dollar, the subject being too complex to admit of its being properly detailed in a smaller compass.

"I have not made it oval, agreeably to your desire, as such form is not proper for a medal; besides, it can be done in the execution, if the idea should be persisted in of having the order in that form, to which, however, I think any other preferable. I also believe and hope that you will be persuaded of this, and endeavor to convince the gentlemen of it who compose the committee for forming the Institution, and to whom I beg you to communicate the following observations:

"A medal, whether round or oval, is considered, in the different states of Europe, only as a reward of the laborer and the artist, or as a sign of a manufacturing community, or religious society; besides, the abusive custom prevailing particularly in Germany and Italy, of sending to France mountebanks, dancers and musicians, ornamented in this manner, renders it necessary to distinguish this order by a form which shall be peculiar to itself, and which will answer the two-fold purpose of honoring those invested with it, and making itself respected for its simplicity, by such as may be in a situation minutely to examine its different parts.

"Not that I suppose one form or another will change the opinion of a republican people, accustomed to think; I only say, that in an institution of this sort, the main design should be to render it respectable to everybody, and that it is only in appealing to the senses that you can engage the attention of the common people, who have certain habitual prejudices which cannot be destroyed. A gentleman already invested with any European order would be unwilling to carry a medal, but if, flattered by receiving a mark of distinction from a respectable society, he should do it, the manner of it would by no means increase the value of the order. On the contrary, giving it a new and particular form will be adding a recommendation to its real value, and engage those invested with it to wear it in the same manner as their other military orders, which is the surest means of putting it at once upon a footing with them.

"The bald eagle, which is peculiar to this continent, and is distinguished from those of other climates by its white head and tail, appears to me to deserve attention.

"I send you two essays which I have made, and desire one of them may be adopted instead of the medal. In one, I make the eagle supporting a star with thirteen points, in the centre of which is the figure of the medal, with its inscriptions, as well in front as on the reverse. A legend might be added in the claws and go around the neck of the eagle, with a particular inscription, or the contour of the medal transferred there. In the other, I have made simply the eagle, supporting on its breast the figure of the medal, with a legend in his claws and about the neck, which passes behind and sustains the reverse. I would prefer the latter, as it does not resemble any other order, and bears a distinct character; nor will it be expensive in its execution. The first device, although more complex, would not be so dear as people might imagine, especially if the execution of it should be committed to skillful persons, which would not be the case any more than with the medal, but by sending it to Europe, where it would not take up a great deal of time, nor be so expensive as to trust the execution of it here to workmen not well acquainted with the business.

"A medal is a monument to be transmitted to posterity; and, consequently, it is necessary that it be executed to the highest degree of perfection possible in the age in which it is struck. Now, to strike a medal well, is a matter that requires practice and a good die; and as there is not here either a press proper for this work, nor people who can make a good die, I would willingly undertake to recommend the execution of the medal, the eagle, or the order, to such persons in Paris as are capable of executing it to perfection.

"So far from proposing to change the oval medal into an eagle, on which should be impressed the medal, I do not pretend to say medals cannot be made. On the contrary, my idea of the subject is that silver medals should be struck, at the common expense of the Society, and distributed, one to each member, as an appendage to a diploma of parchment, whereon it would be proper to stamp the figure of the medal, the eagle, or the star, in its full dimensions, and properly colored, enjoining on the members to

conform to it, though leaving them the liberty, provided it be at their own expense, of having it made of such metal and as small as they please, without altering any of the emblems. It seems to be by no means proper that the honorary members should wear the order in the same manner as the original members; it would be necessary that they should wear the medal, the star, or the eagle, round their necks, and the original members at the third button-hole.

“These remarks, I beg you, my General, to have translated and submitted to the gentlemen concerned. I shall be obliged to you to let me know the issue of this letter, and their decision upon it,

I have, etc., etc., etc.,

L'ENFANT.

“N. B.—The head and tail of the eagle should be silver, or enamelled in white, the body and wings gold, the medal on its breast and back enamelled in the same color as the legend; sprigs of laurel and oak might be added in the wings enamelled in green; the star should be pointed in gold, or enamelled in blue and white; those who would be at the expense might, instead of white, have diamonds. The riband, as is customary in all orders, should be watered.”

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Convention be transmitted, by the President, to Major L'Enfant, for his care and ingenuity in preparing the aforementioned designs, and that he be acquainted that they cheerfully embrace his offer of assistance, and request a continuance of his attention in carrying the designs into execution, for which purpose the President is desired to correspond with him.

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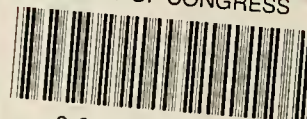




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